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INTRODUCTION

by Ian Flynn

Tails has always been known as Sonic's sidekick. Brave, smart and skilled, he's still always been one step behind Sonic. Now, with this volume, you get to see Tails' first time to shine on his own! It's all about bringing the Prower to the people as he journeys to a new land, meets new heroes, battles new villains, and discovers his mystical destiny!

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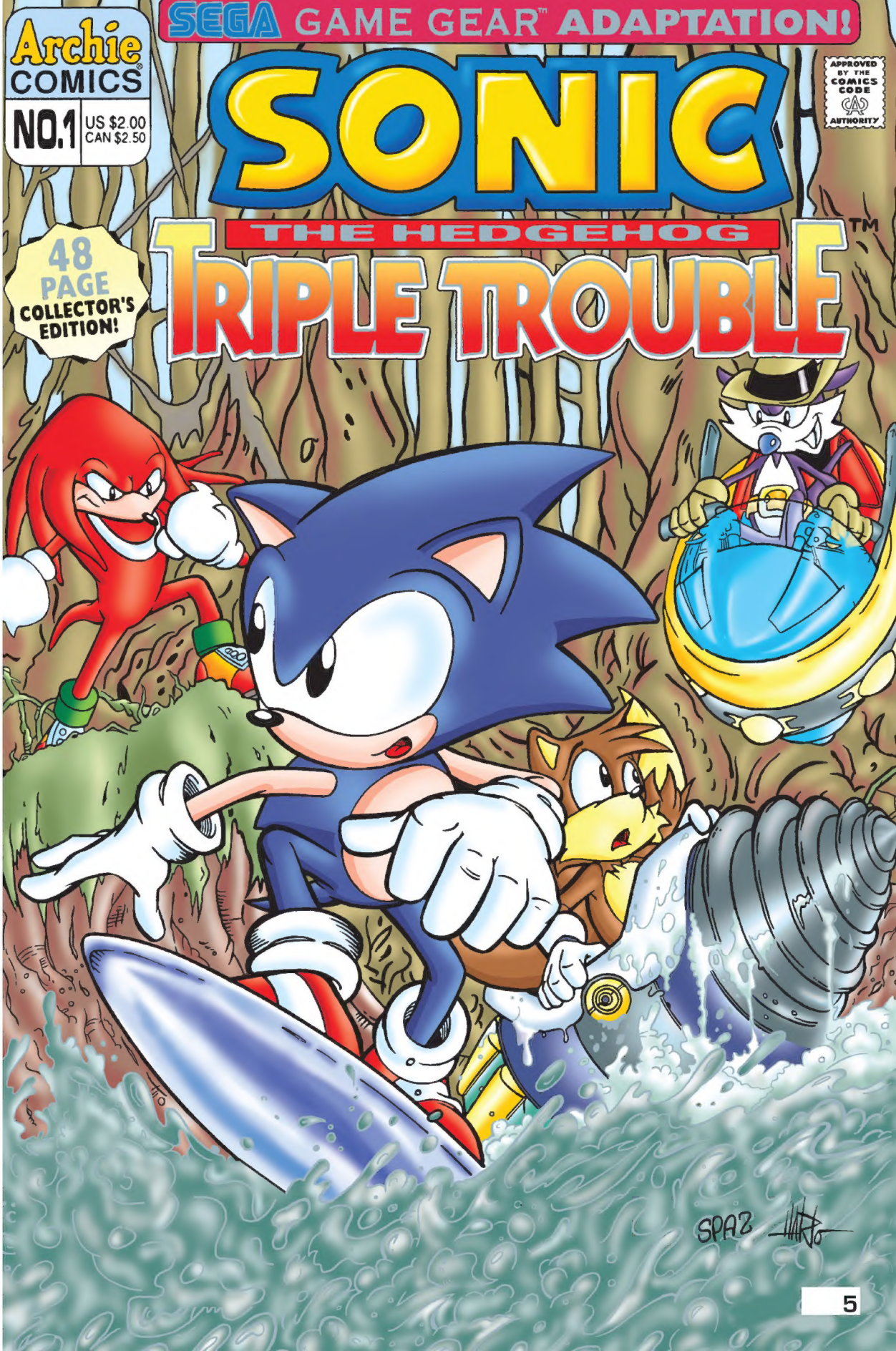
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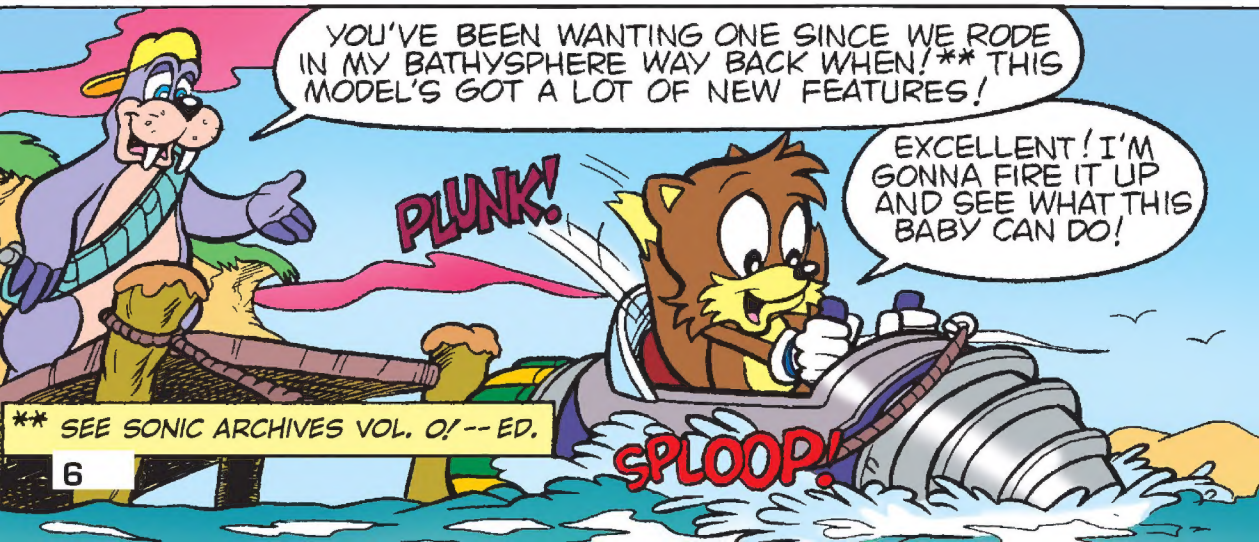

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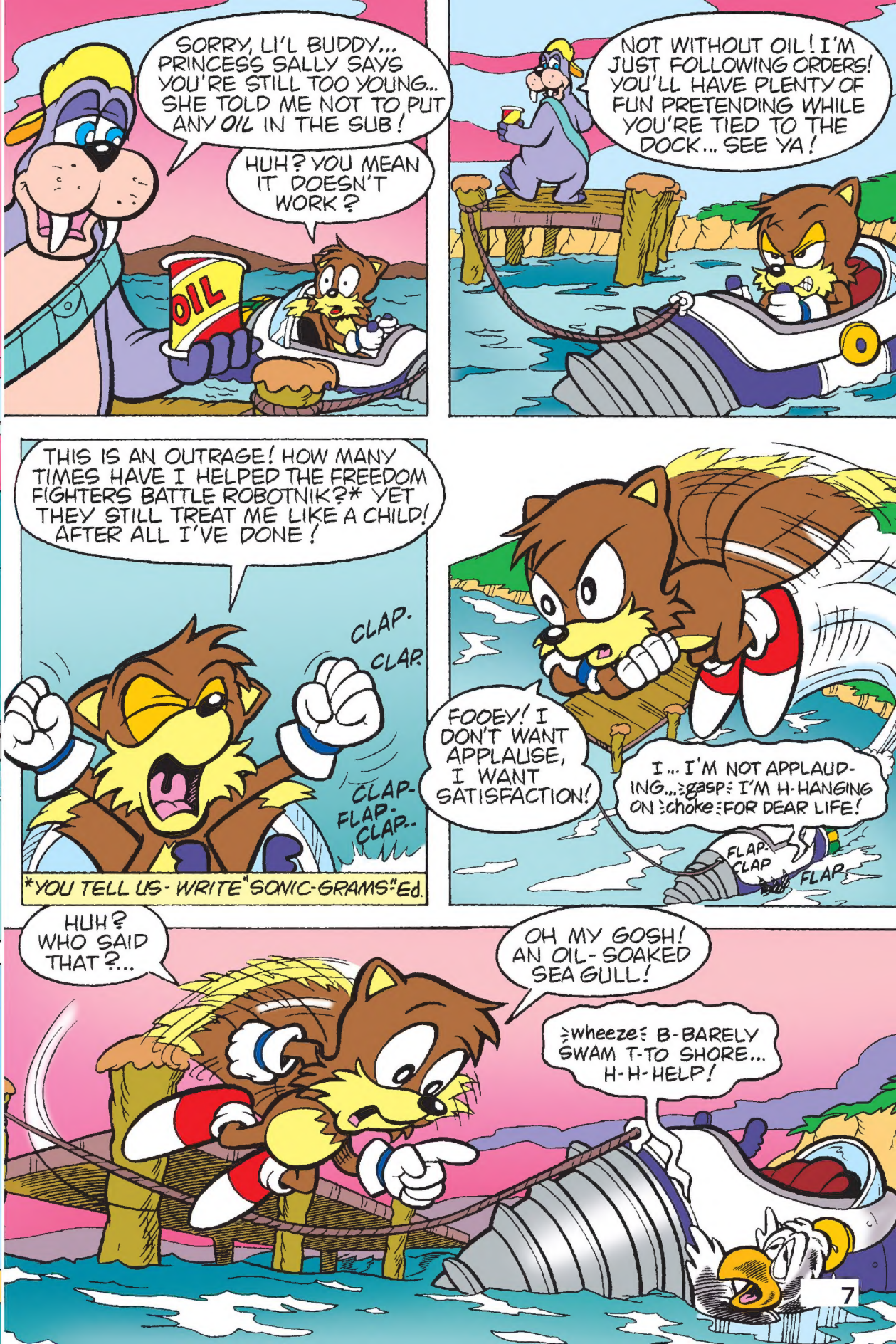
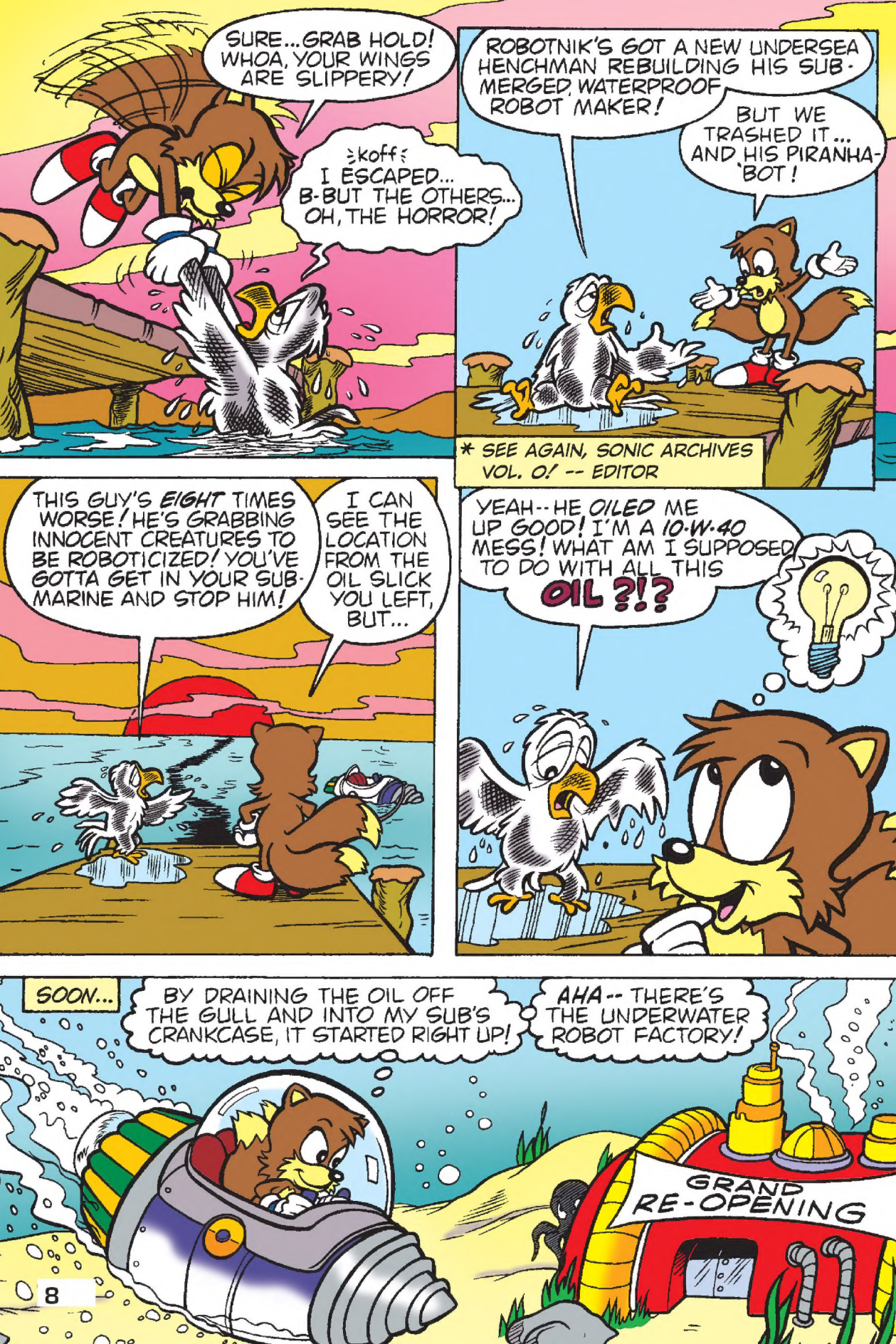

SORRY, LI'L BUDDY... PRINCESS SALLY SAYS YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG... SHE TOLD ME NOT TO PUT ANY OIL IN THE SUB!
HUH? YOU MEAN IT DOESN'T WORK?
OIL
NOT WITHOUT OIL! I'M JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FUN PRETENDING WHILE YOU'RE TIED TO THE DOCK... SEE YA!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HELPED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BATTLE ROBOTNIK?* YET THEY STILL TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD! AFTER ALL I'VE DONE!
CLAP. CLAP.
CLAP-FLAP-CLAP..
*YOU TELL US - WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS" Ed.
FOOEY! I DON'T WANT APPLAUSE, I WANT SATISFACTION!
I... I'M NOT APPLAUDING... gasp I'M H-HANGING ON choke FOR DEAR LIFE!
FLAP-CLAP
FLAP
HUH? WHO SAID THAT?...
OH MY GOSH! AN OIL-SOAKED SEA GULL!
wheeze B-BARELY SWAM T-TO SHORE... H-H-HELP!


SURE...GRAB HOLD! WHOA, YOUR WINGS ARE SLIPPERY!
:koff: I ESCAPED... B-BUT THE OTHERS... OH, THE HORROR!
ROBOTNIK'S GOT A NEW UNDERSEA HENCHMAN REBUILDING HIS SUB-MERGED, WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER!
BUT WE TRASHED IT... AND HIS PIRANHA-'BOT!
* SEE AGAIN, SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 0! -- EDITOR
THIS GUY'S EIGHT TIMES WORSE! HE'S GRABBING INNOCENT CREATURES TO BE ROBOTICIZED! YOU'VE GOTTA GET IN YOUR SUB-MARINE AND STOP HIM!
I CAN SEE THE LOCATION FROM THE OIL SLICK YOU LEFT, BUT...
YEAH--HE OILED ME UP GOOD! I'M A 10-W-40 MESS! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH ALL THIS OIL ?!?
SOON...
BY DRAINING THE OIL OFF THE GULL AND INTO MY SUB'S CRANKCASE, IT STARTED RIGHT UP!
AHA-- THERE'S THE UNDERWATER ROBOT FACTORY!
GRAND RE-OPENING

YOW! AND THERE'S ROBOTNIK'S NEW HENCHMAN--

IN OCTOBOT'S THE NAME! TURNING YOU GUYS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS IS THE GAME!

Blub HELP!

SEA FOX TO THE RESCUE!

WHOOOSH...

WHAT THE--?!

TURN THEM LOOSE, YOU EIGHT-ARMED IDIOT!

OOWMF!

WE'RE FREE!

HOORAY!

OOOGAH...

I'M ON A ROLL... A *TORPEDO* ROLL, THAT IS...

8 ROBOTICIZERS - NO WADING!

FSSSSH...

YEE-HA! BLEW THAT SUCKER OUT OF THE WATER!

OH, NO! ALL MY BEAUTIFUL WICKEDNESS...

BUH-

BOOOSH!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! RETURNING TO PORT... OR IS IT STARBOARD?..

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF OCTOBOT! I'LL BE BACK-- YOU'LL SEE!*

*IS HE TALKING ABOUT A **TAILS** MINI-SERIES? STAY TUNED! -Editor

NICE JOB! I SAW THE WATERSPOUT FROM HERE!

I'M GONNA DO SOME SPOUTING MYSELF... BACK AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS ABOUT THIS ADVENTURE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME ALONG?

MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME... I'VE GOT A DATE-- AND I DON'T LIKE TO KEEP MY **GULL** FRIEND WAITING!

THE END

TAKE AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF *TAILS' ADVENTURES*

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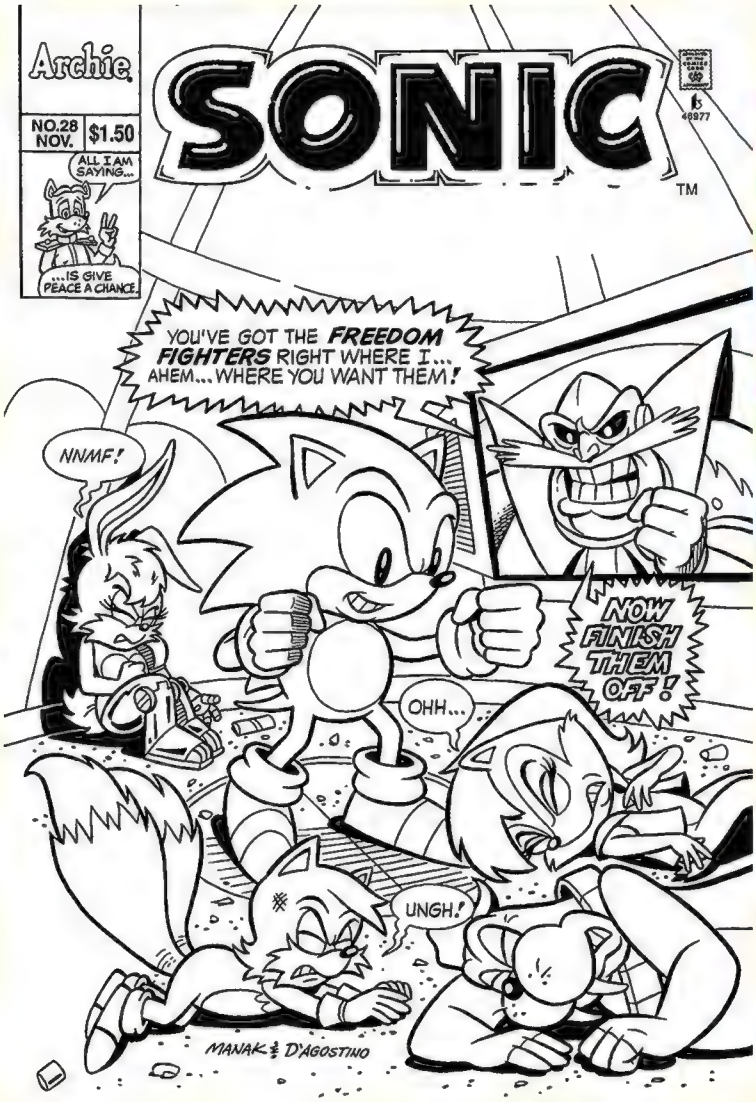

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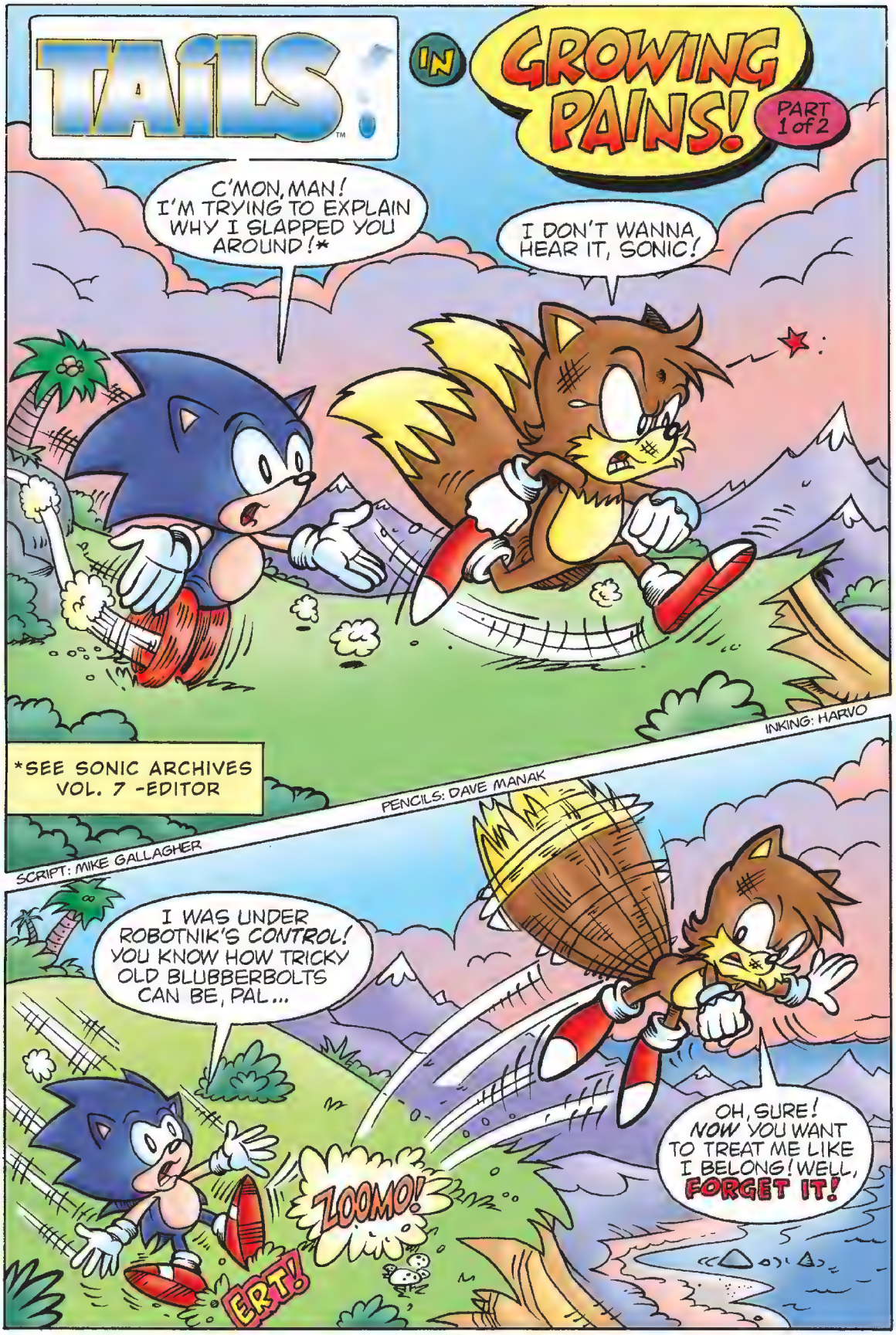
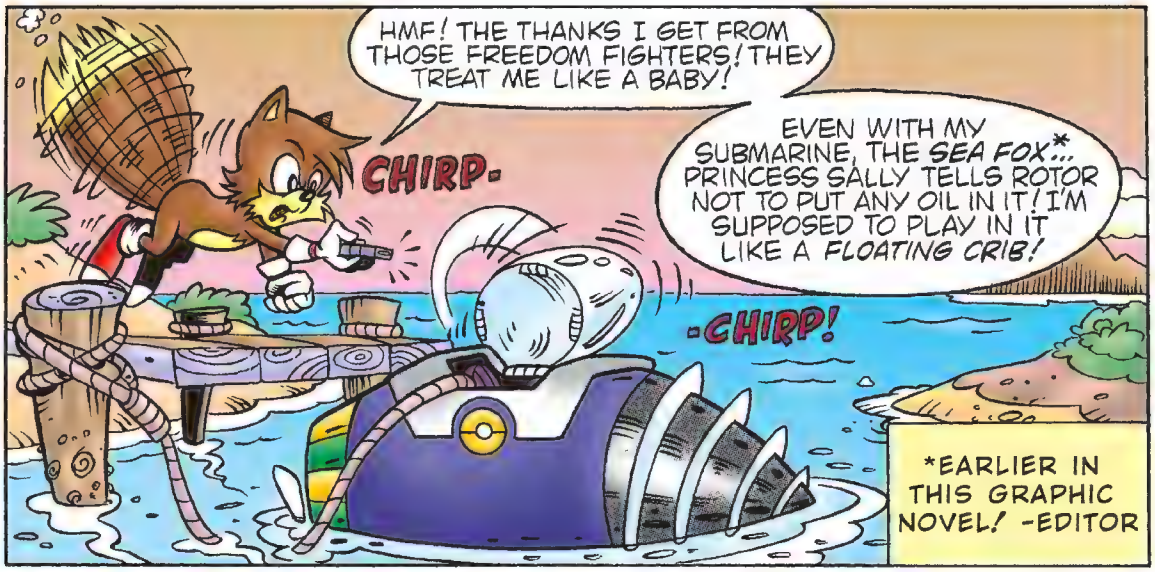
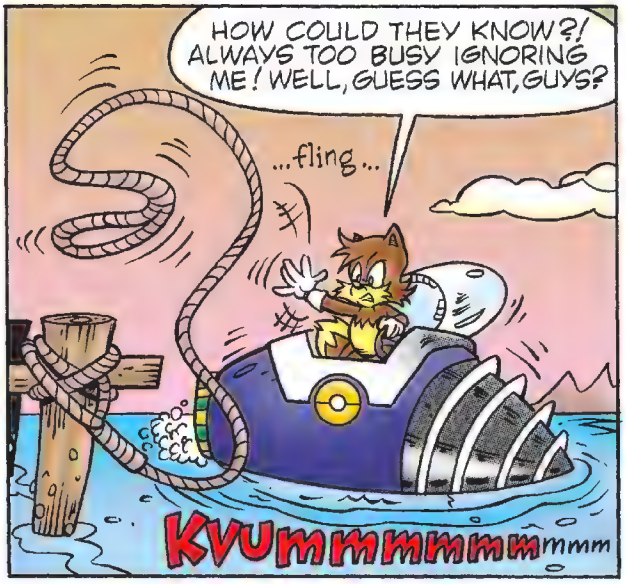
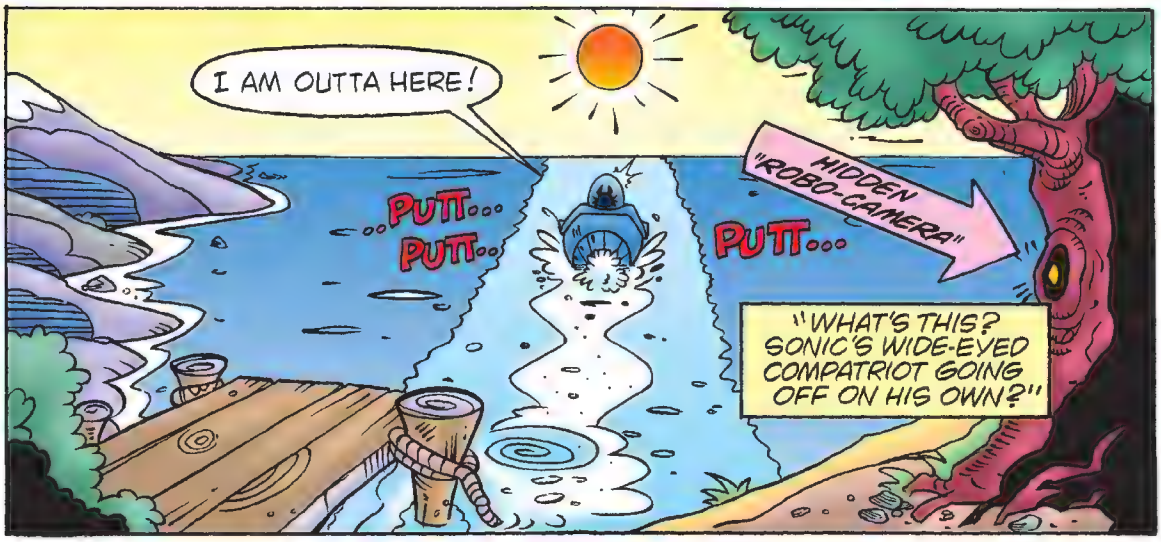
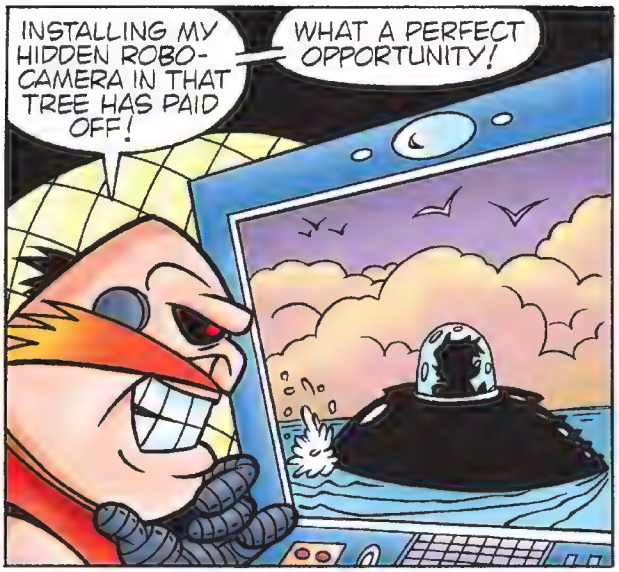

TAILS IN GROWING PAINS!
PART 1 of 2
C'MON, MAN! I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN WHY I SLAPPED YOU AROUND!*
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT, SONIC!
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7 -EDITOR
SCRIPT: MIKE GALLAGHER
PENCILS: DAVE MANAK
INKING: HARVO
I WAS UNDER ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL! YOU KNOW HOW TRICKY OLD BLUBBERBOLTS CAN BE, PAL...
ZOOMO!
ERT!
OH, SURE! NOW YOU WANT TO TREAT ME LIKE I BELONG! WELL, FORGET IT!

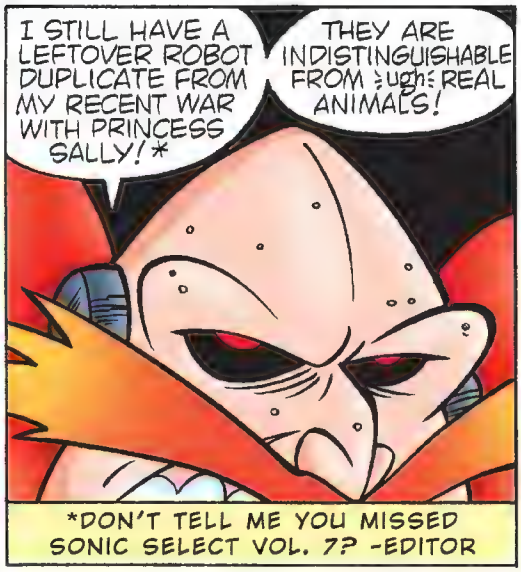

HMF! THE THANKS I GET FROM THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THEY TREAT ME LIKE A BABY!
CHIRP-
EVEN WITH MY SUBMARINE, THE SEA FOX*... PRINCESS SALLY TELLS ROTOR NOT TO PUT ANY OIL IN IT! I'M SUPPOSED TO PLAY IN IT LIKE A FLOATING CRIB!
-CHIRP!
*EARLIER IN THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL! -EDITOR

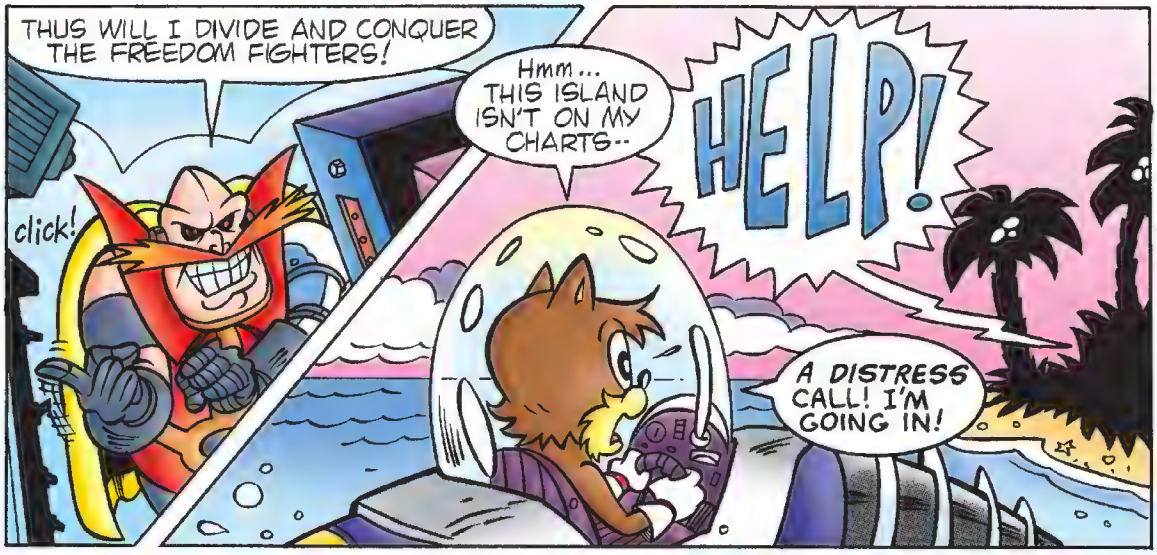
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW I CLEANED UP AN OIL-SOAKED SEA GULL AND FILLED MY CRANKCASE, SO THIS BABY RUNS FINE!
PLUNK!

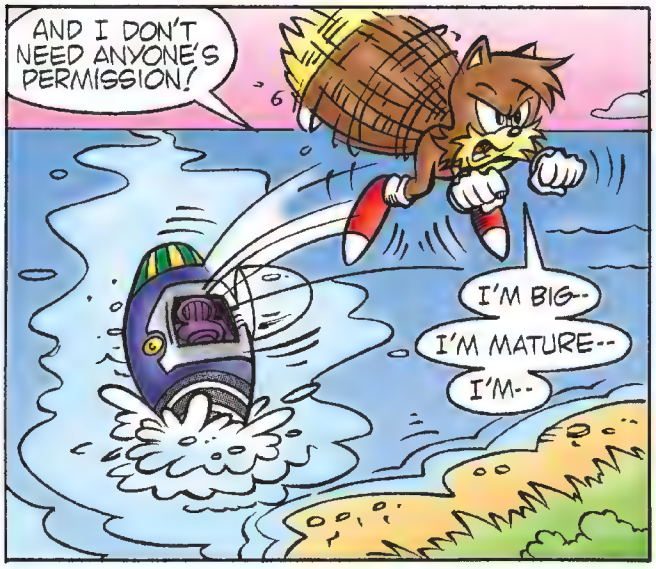

HOW COULD THEY KNOW?! ALWAYS TOO BUSY IGNORING ME! WELL, GUESS WHAT, GUYS?
...fling...
KVUmmmmmmmmmmm


I AM OUTTA HERE!
PUTT...
PUTT...
PUTT...
HIDDEN "ROBO-CAMERA"
"WHAT'S THIS? SONIC'S WIDE-EYED COMPATRIOT GOING OFF ON HIS OWN?"

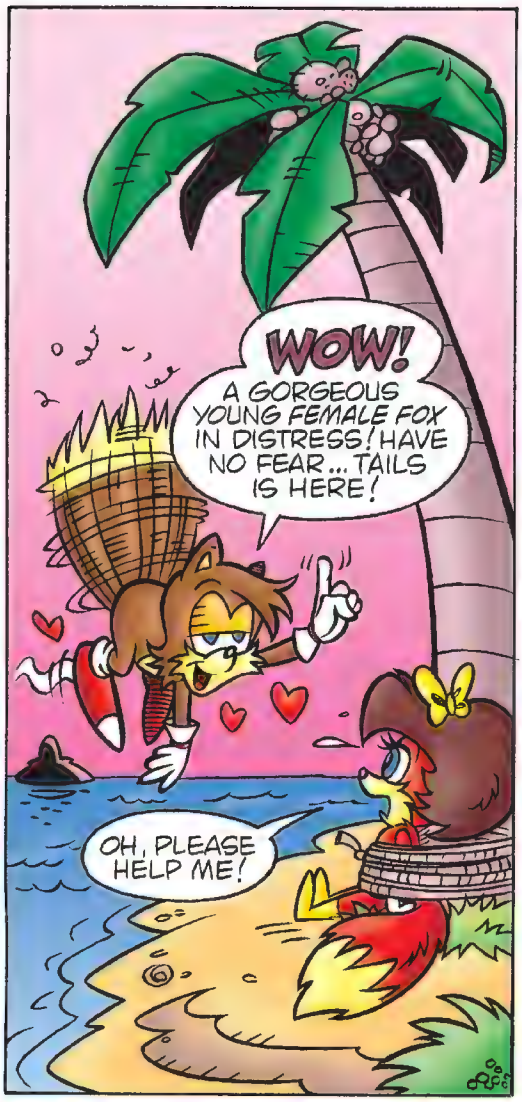

INSTALLING MY HIDDEN ROBO-CAMERA IN THAT TREE HAS PAID OFF!
WHAT A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!

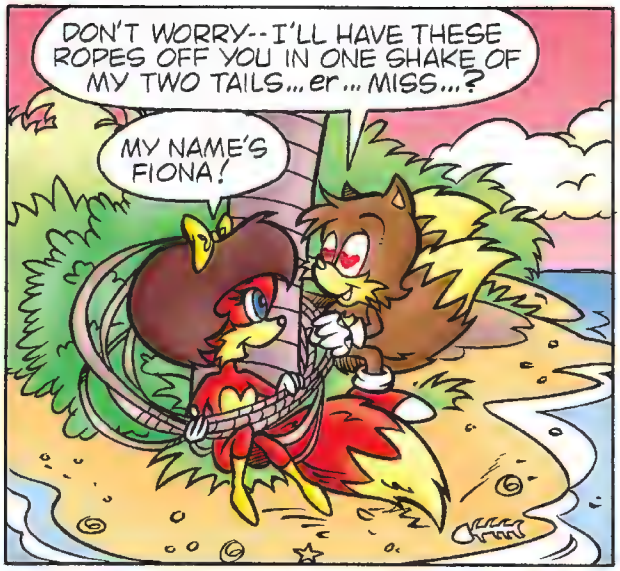

I STILL HAVE A LEFTOVER ROBOT DUPLICATE FROM MY RECENT WAR WITH PRINCESS SALLY!*
THEY ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM ugh REAL ANIMALS!
*DON'T TELL ME YOU MISSED SONIC SELECT VOL. 7? -EDITOR

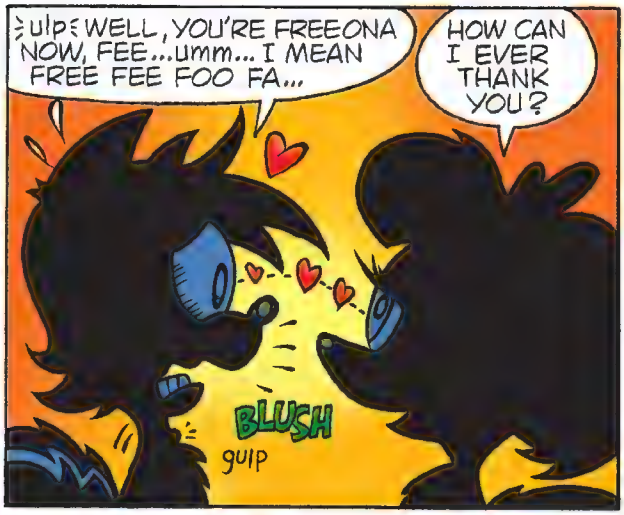

THUS WILL I DIVIDE AND CONQUER THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
click!
Hmm... THIS ISLAND ISN'T ON MY CHARTS--
HELP!
A DISTRESS CALL! I'M GOING IN!

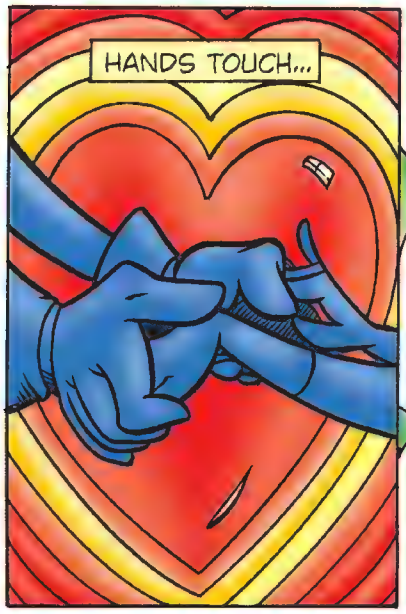

AND I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S PERMISSION!
I'M BIG--
I'M MATURE--
I'M--

BOING!
--I'M
--IN
--LOVE!

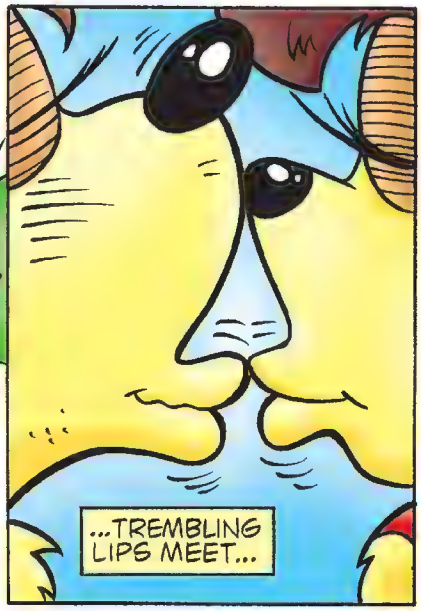

WOW!
A GORGEOUS YOUNG FEMALE FOX IN DISTRESS! HAVE NO FEAR... TAILS IS HERE!
OH, PLEASE HELP ME!


DON'T WORRY--I'LL HAVE THESE ROPES OFF YOU IN ONE SHAKE OF MY TWO TAILS... er... MISS...?
MY NAME'S FIONA!

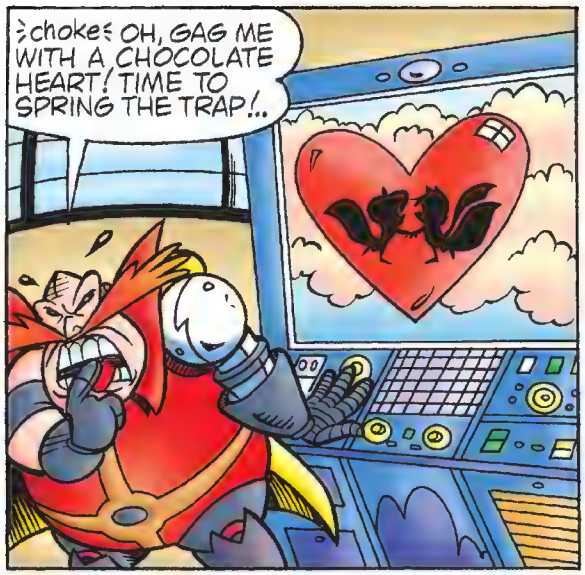

ulp WELL, YOU'RE FREEONA NOW, FEE...umm... I MEAN FREE FEE FOO FA...
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
BLUSH
gulp


HANDS TOUCH...

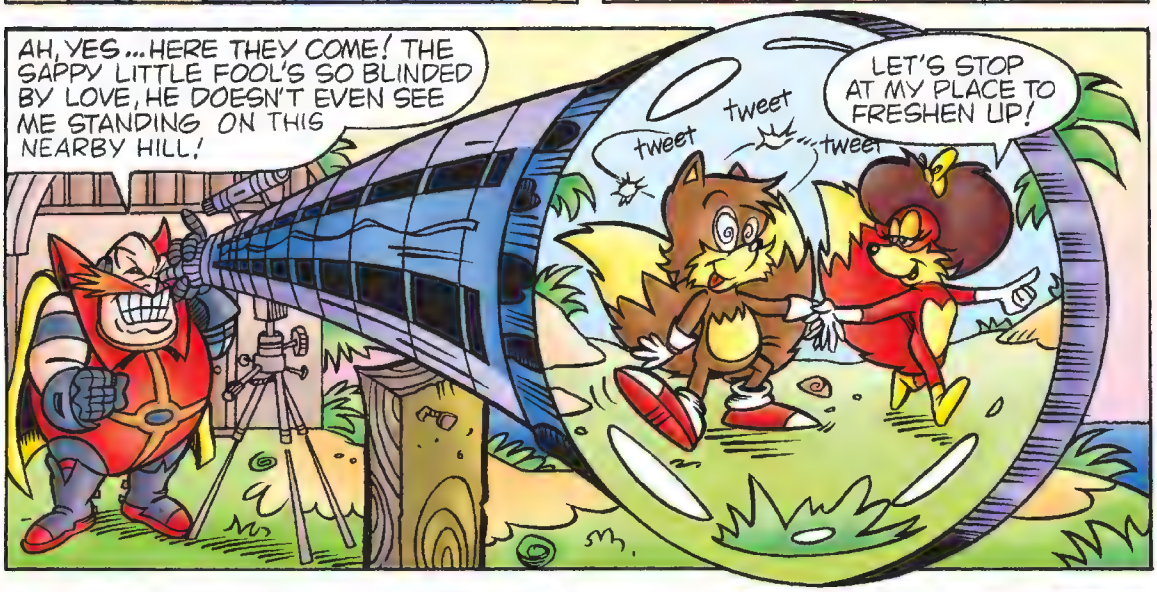
...EYES SPARK...
VZZZZT!


...TREMBLING LIPS MEET...

IT'S LOVE!
HEY!
T+F


;choke; OH, GAG ME WITH A CHOCOLATE HEART! TIME TO SPRING THE TRAP!..

ISN'T IT FRUSTRATING TO KNOW HE'S IN DANGER AND BE HELPLESS TO TELL HIM? IT'S WHAT MOVIE DIRECTOR ALFRED HITCHCOCK CALLED...
..."THE MAGUFFIN!"


AH, YES...HERE THEY COME! THE SAPPY LITTLE FOOL'S SO BLINDED BY LOVE, HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE ME STANDING ON THIS NEARBY HILL!
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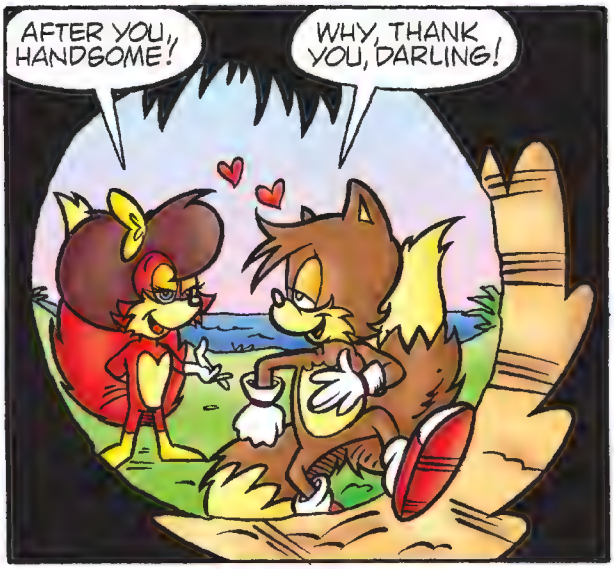
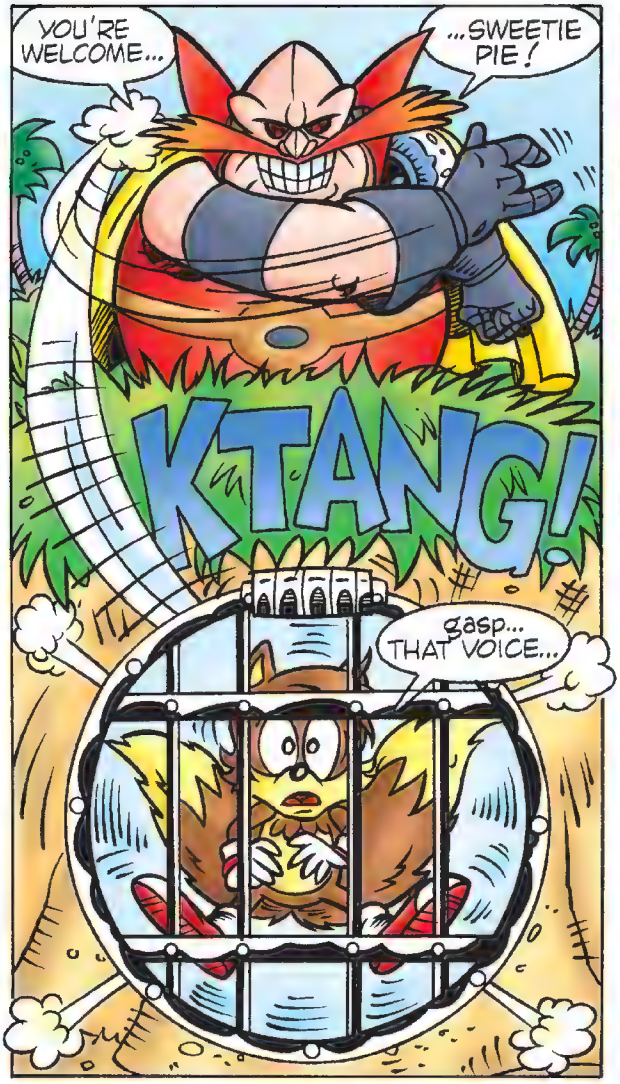
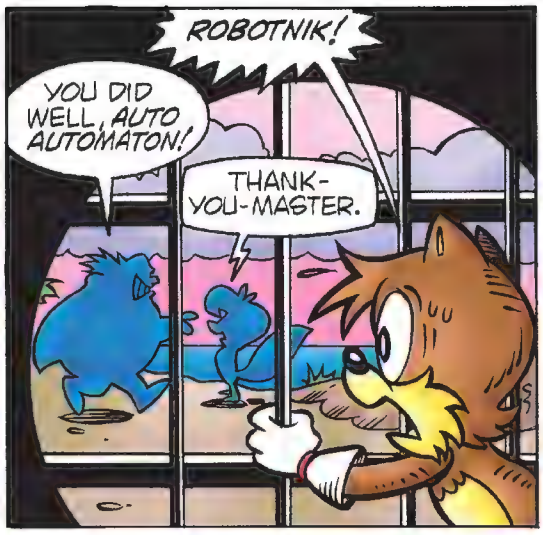
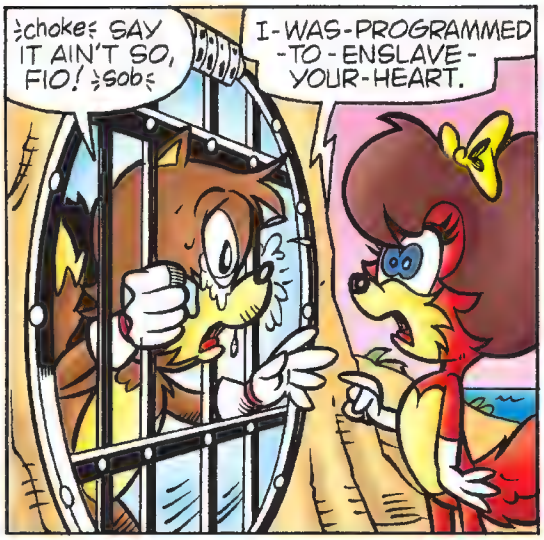
LET'S STOP AT MY PLACE TO FRESHEN UP!

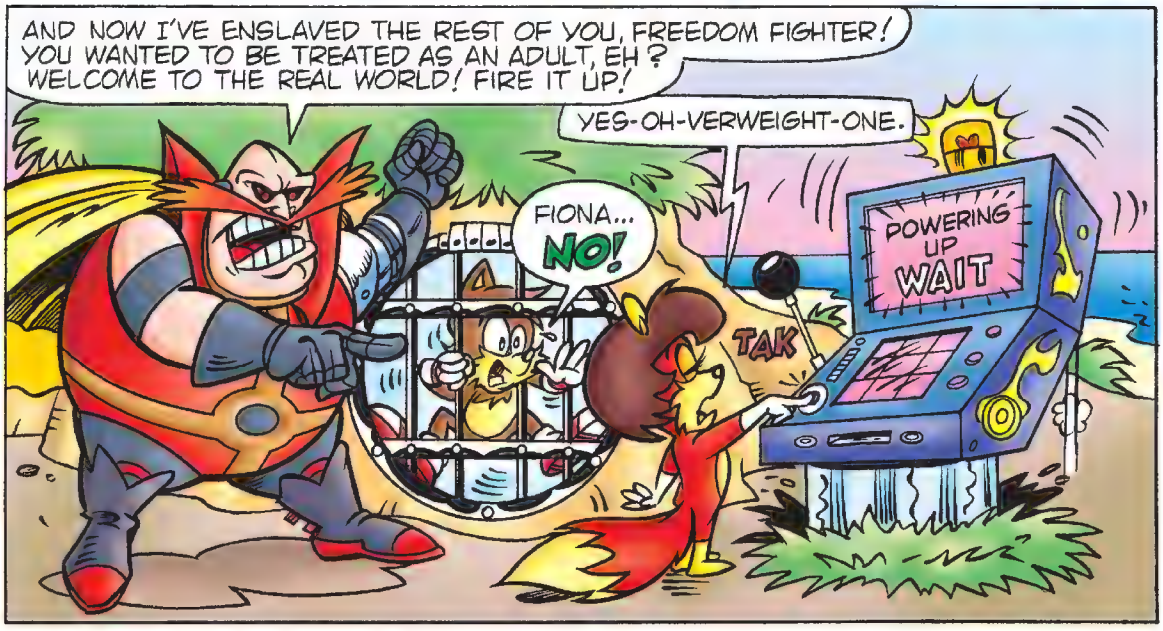
IT'S JUST UP AHEAD THERE... THAT DEN DUG INTO THE SIDE OF THE HILL!

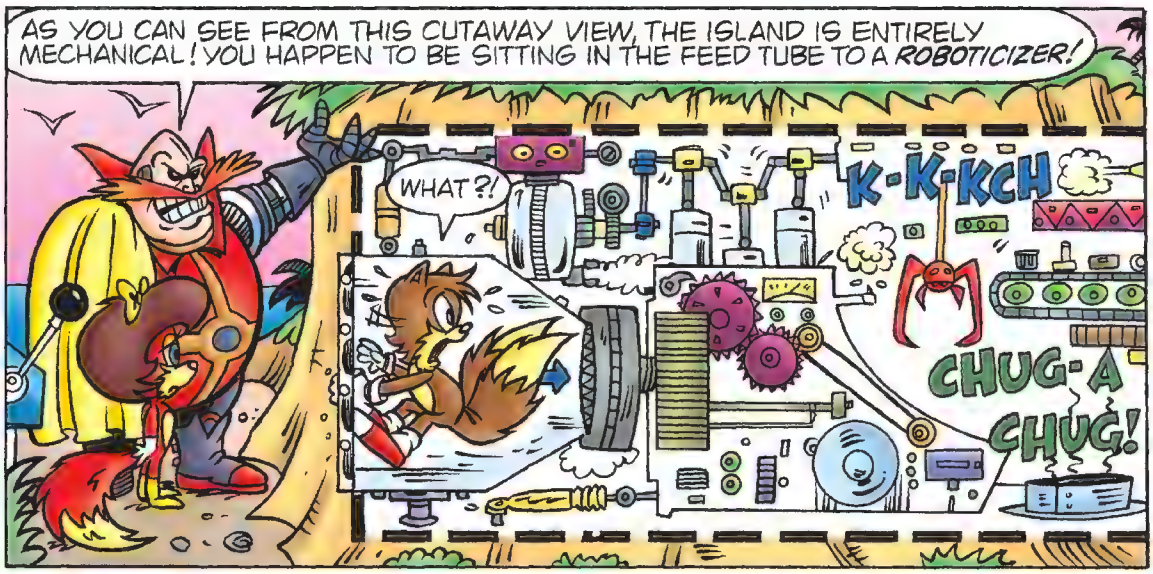

AFTER YOU, HANDSOME!
WHY, THANK YOU, DARLING!

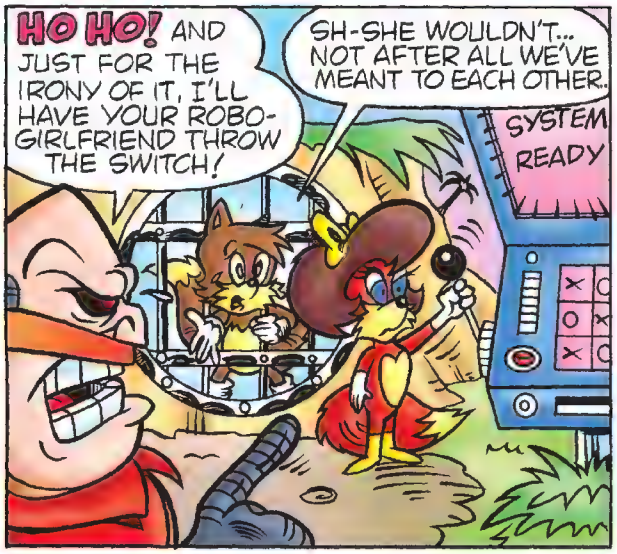

YOU'RE WELCOME...
...SWEETIE PIE!
KTANG!
gasp... THAT VOICE...

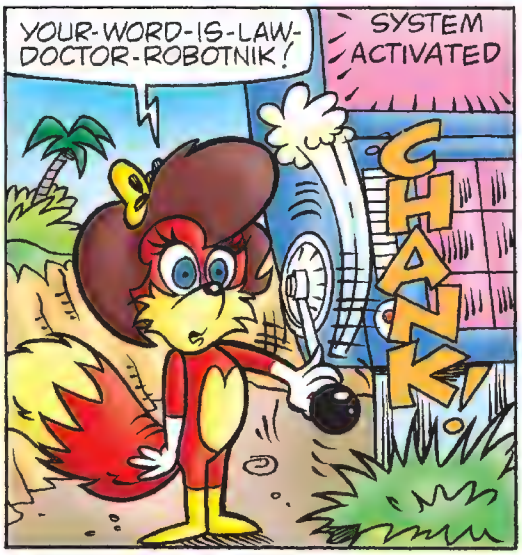

ROBOTNIK!
YOU DID WELL, AUTO AUTOMATON!
THANK-YOU-MASTER.

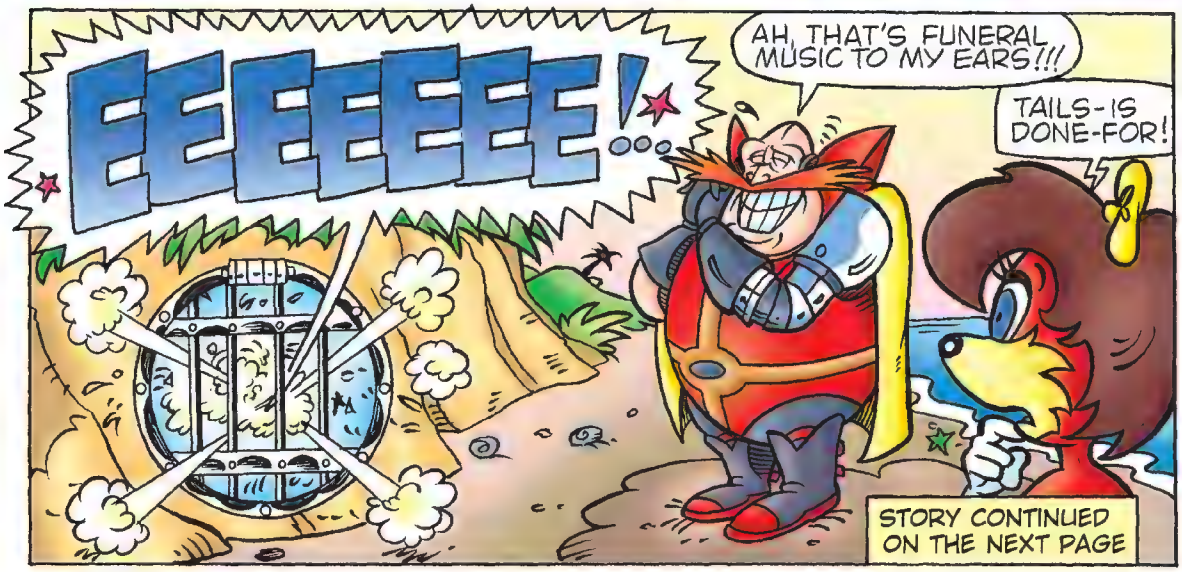

:choke: SAY IT AIN'T SO, FIO! :sob:
I-WAS-PROGRAMMED-TO-ENSLAVE-YOUR-HEART.


AND NOW I'VE ENSLAVED THE REST OF YOU, FREEDOM FIGHTER! YOU WANTED TO BE TREATED AS AN ADULT, EH? WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD! FIRE IT UP!
YES-OH-VERWEIGHT-ONE.
FIONA... NO!
TAK
POWERING UP WAIT


AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS CUTAWAY VIEW, THE ISLAND IS ENTIRELY MECHANICAL! YOU HAPPEN TO BE SITTING IN THE FEED TUBE TO A ROBOTICIZER!
WHAT?!
K-K-KCH
CHUG-A CHUG!


HO HO! AND JUST FOR THE IRONY OF IT, I'LL HAVE YOUR ROBO-GIRLFRIEND THROW THE SWITCH!
SH-SHE WOULDN'T... NOT AFTER ALL WE'VE MEANT TO EACH OTHER.
SYSTEM READY


YOUR-WORD-IS-LAW-DOCTOR-ROBOTNIK!
SYSTEM ACTIVATED
CHANK!


EEEEEEE!
AH, THAT'S FUNERAL MUSIC TO MY EARS!!!
TAILS-IS DONE-FOR!
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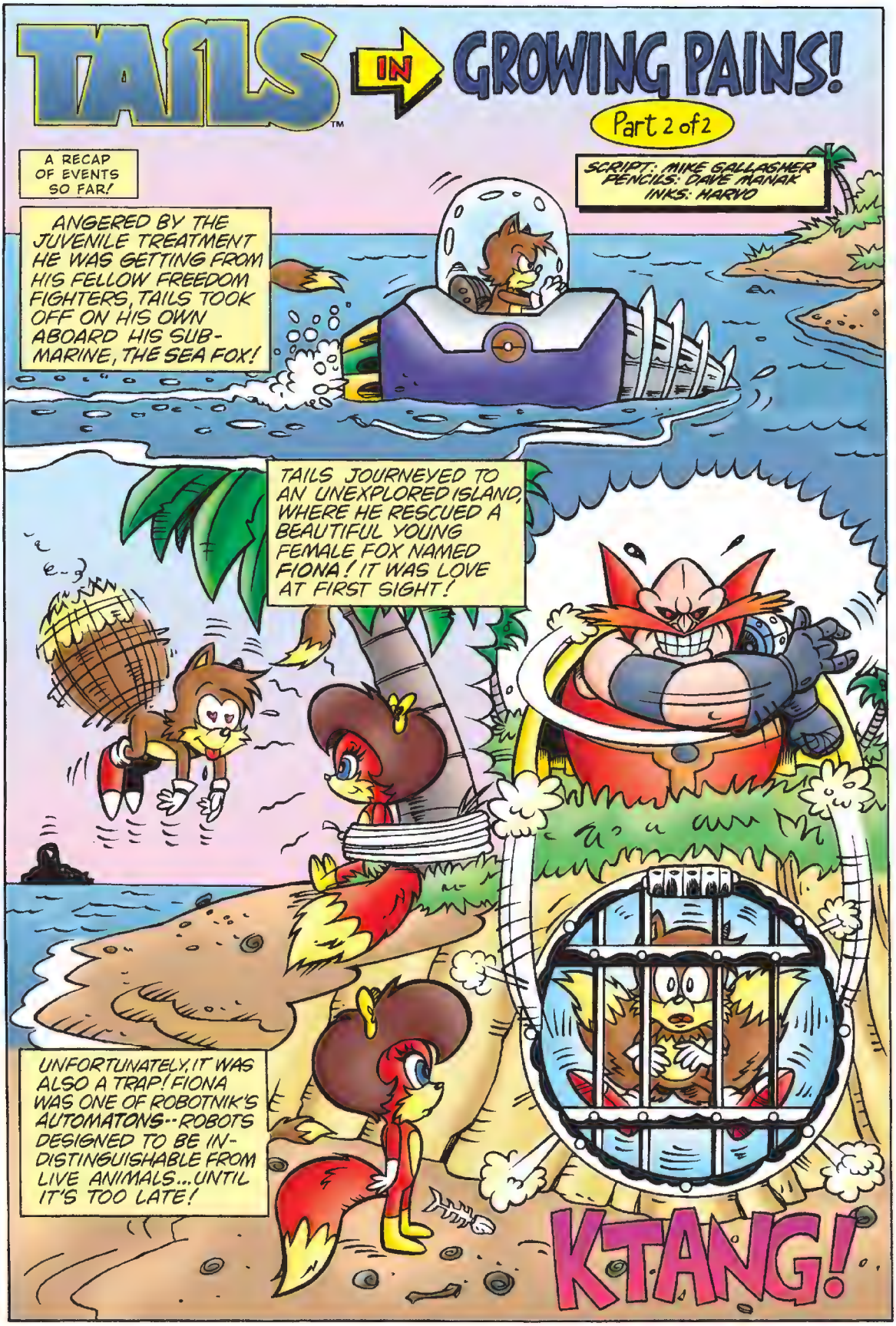
TAILS™ IN GROWING PAINS!
Part 2 of 2
A RECAP OF EVENTS SO FAR!
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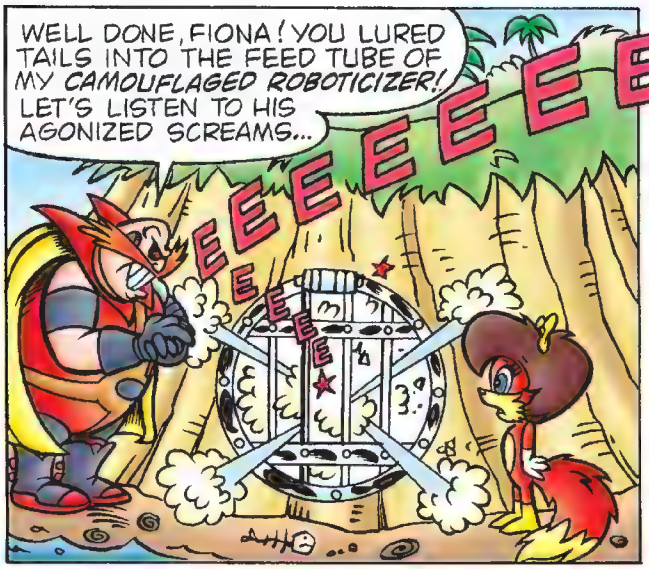
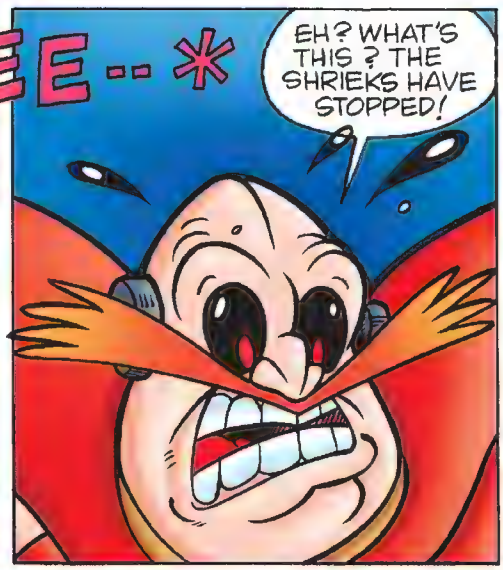
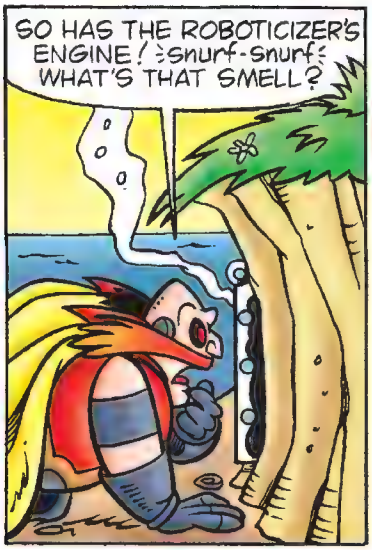
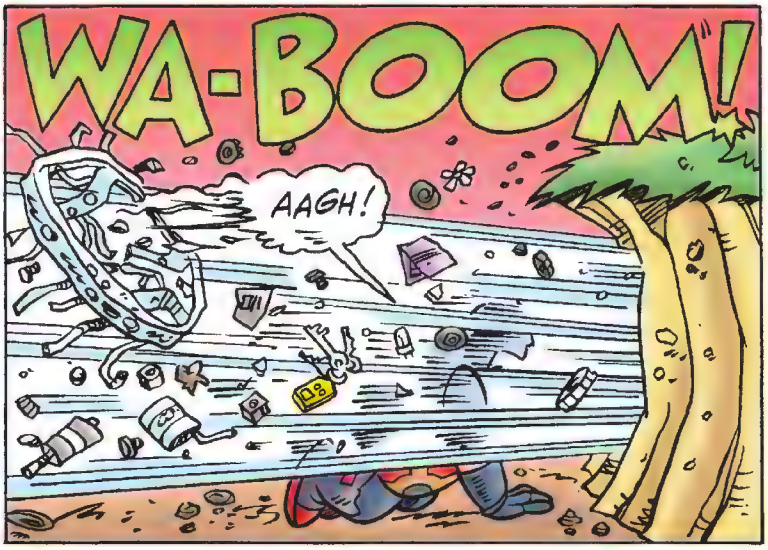
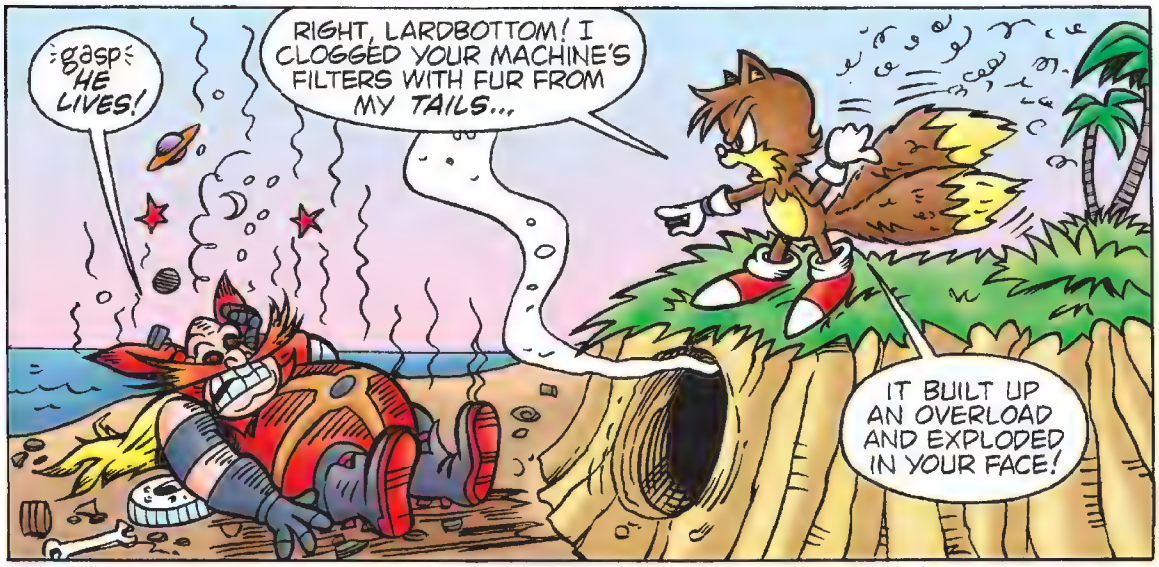
PENCILS: DAVE MANAK
INKS: MARVO
ANGERED BY THE JUVENILE TREATMENT HE WAS GETTING FROM HIS FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS, TAILS TOOK OFF ON HIS OWN ABOARD HIS SUB-MARINE, THE SEA FOX!
TAILS JOURNEYED TO AN UNEXPLORED ISLAND, WHERE HE RESCUED A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG FEMALE FOX NAMED FIONA! IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS ALSO A TRAP! FIONA WAS ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S AUTOMATONS--ROBOTS DESIGNED TO BE IN-DISTINGUISHABLE FROM LIVE ANIMALS...UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!
KTANG!


WELL DONE, FIONA! YOU LURED TAILS INTO THE FEED TUBE OF MY CAMOUFLAGED ROBOTICIZER! LET'S LISTEN TO HIS AGONIZED SCREAMS...
EEEEEEEEEE-- *


EH? WHAT'S THIS? THE SHRIEKS HAVE STOPPED!

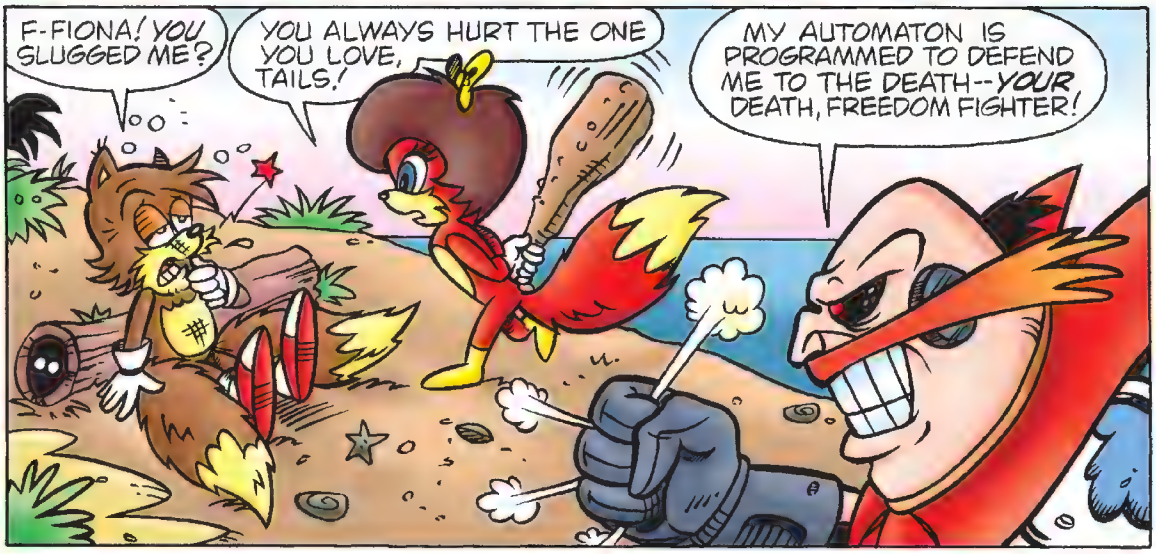

SO HAS THE ROBOTICIZER'S ENGINE! ⁝snurf-snurf⁝ WHAT'S THAT SMELL?


WA-BOOM!
AAGH!

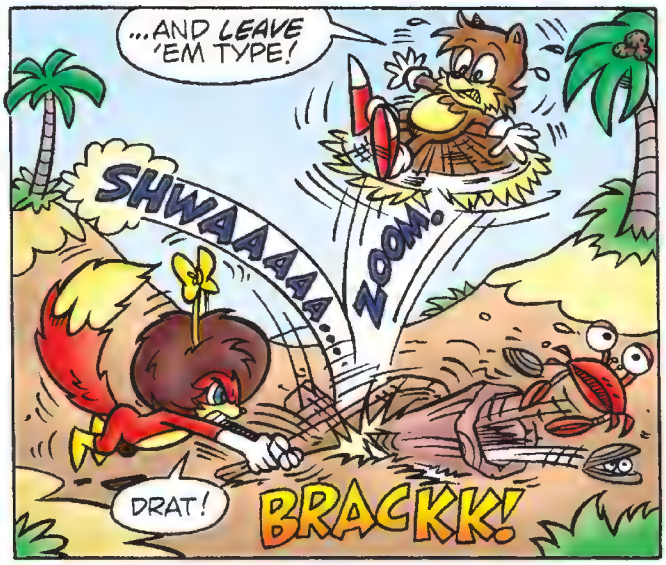

⁝gasp⁝ HE LIVES!
RIGHT, LARDBOTTOM! I CLOGGED YOUR MACHINE'S FILTERS WITH FUR FROM MY TAILS...
IT BUILT UP AN OVERLOAD AND EXPLODED IN YOUR FACE!

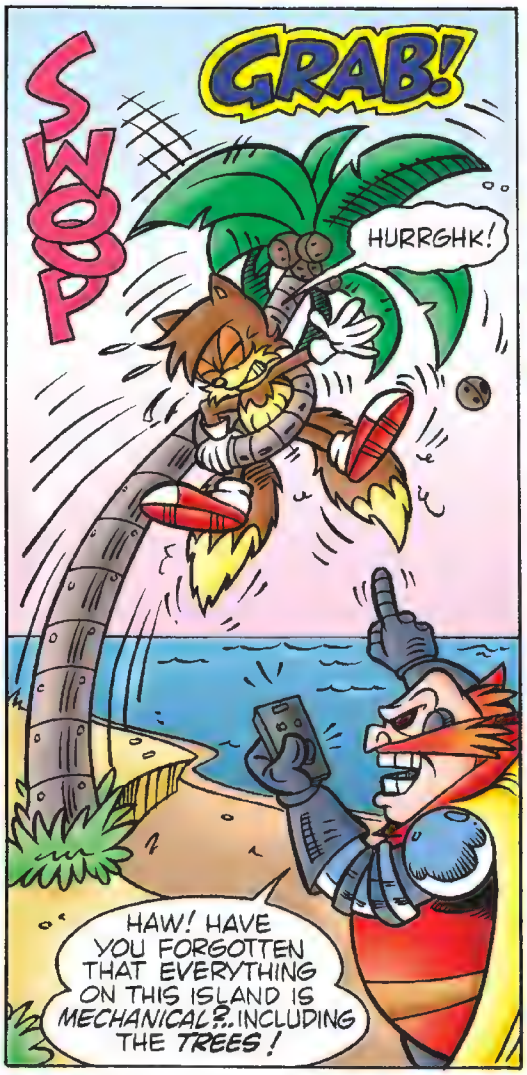
AND SPEAKING OF YOUR FACE, I THINK I'LL COLOR IT BLACK AND BLUE!
ULP!
ZING!

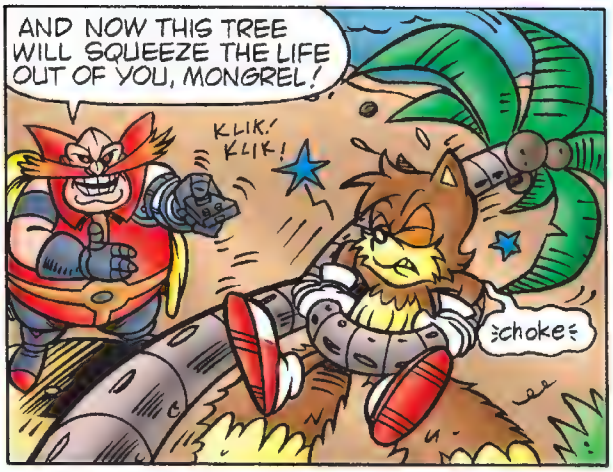
UNNGH!
NOT LIKELY!
SOCK!

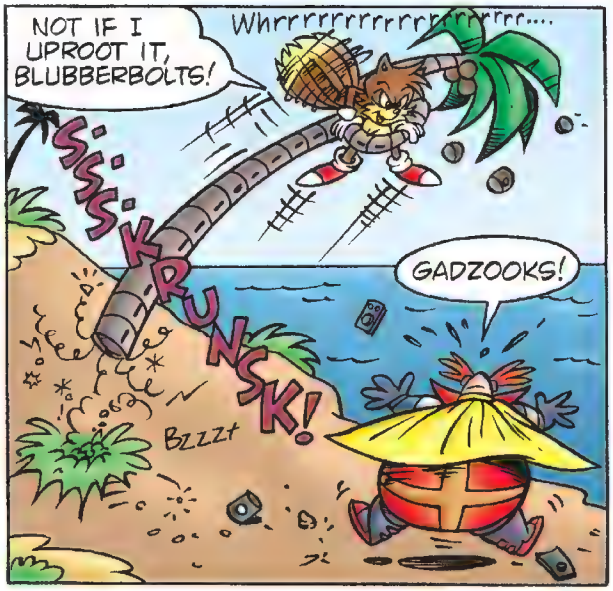

F-FIONA! YOU SLUGGED ME?
YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE, TAILS!
MY AUTOMATON IS PROGRAMMED TO DEFEND ME TO THE DEATH--YOUR DEATH, FREEDOM FIGHTER!

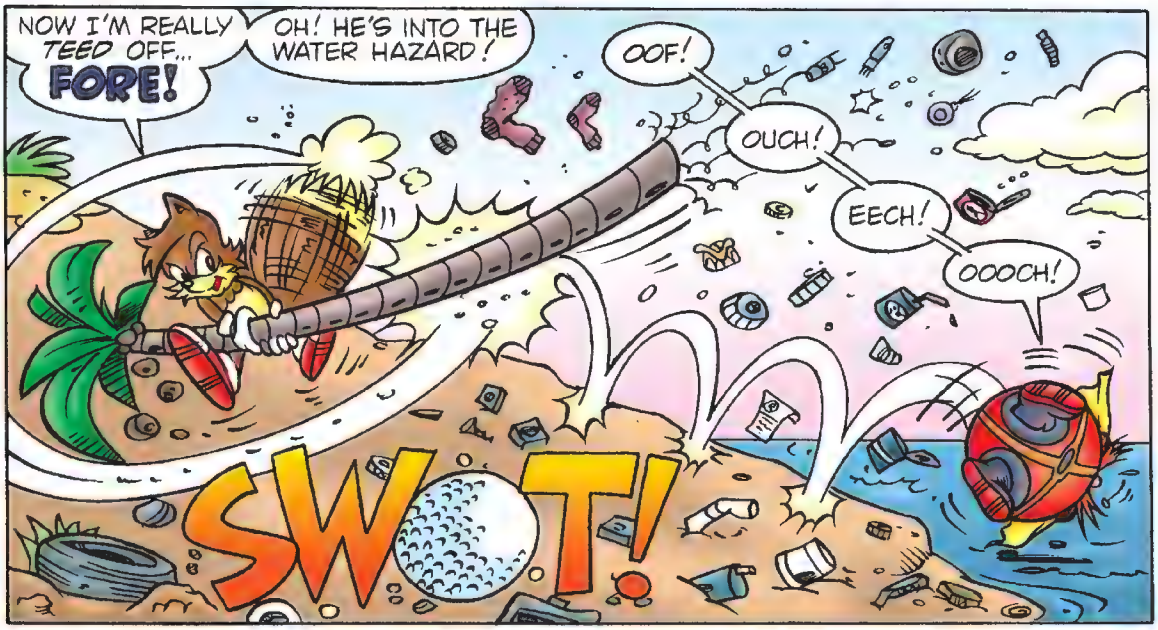
...AND ONCE YOU JOIN DR. ROBOTNIK'S CLUB, I CAN LOVE YOU TO DEATH!
ulp
I THINK I BETTER BE THE LOVE 'EM...

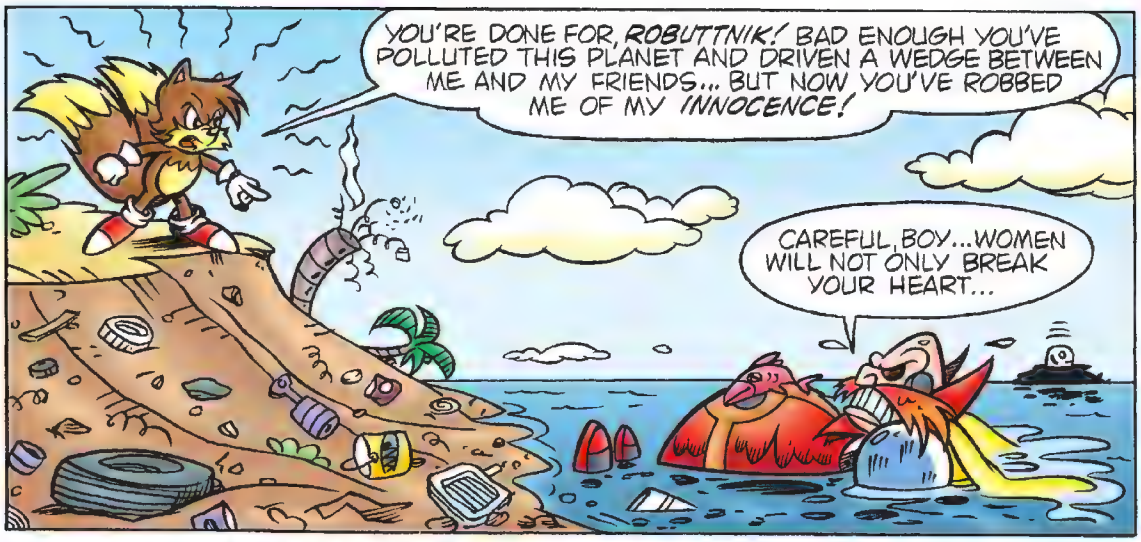

...AND LEAVE 'EM TYPE!
SHWAAAAA...
ZOOM!
DRAT!
BRACKK!

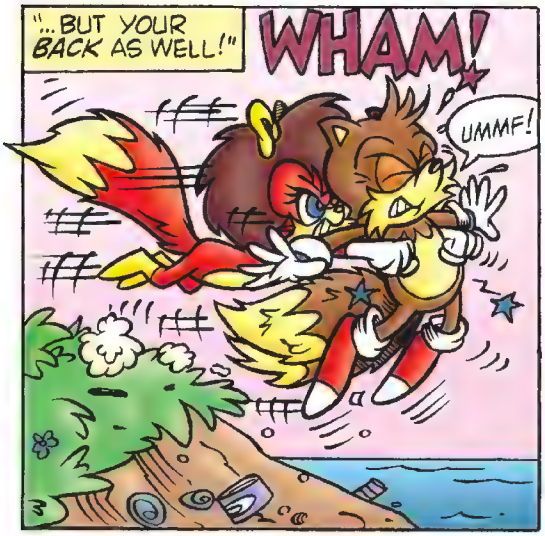

SWOOP
GRAB!
HURRGHK!
HAW! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT EVERYTHING ON THIS ISLAND IS MECHANICAL?..INCLUDING THE TREES!

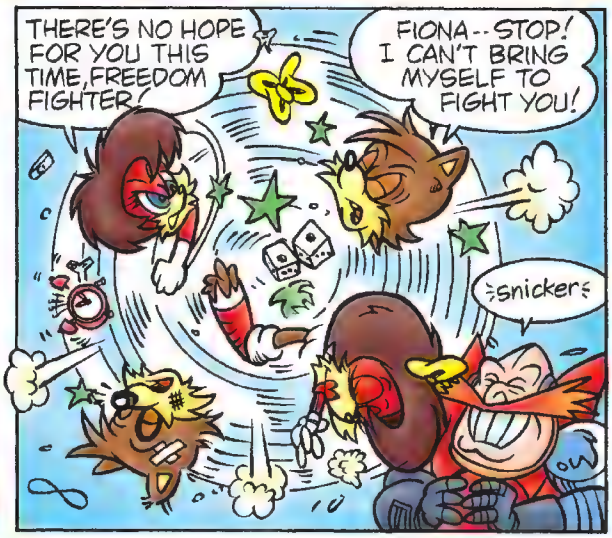

AND NOW THIS TREE WILL SQUEEZE THE LIFE OUT OF YOU, MONGREL!
KLIK! KLIK!
:choke:

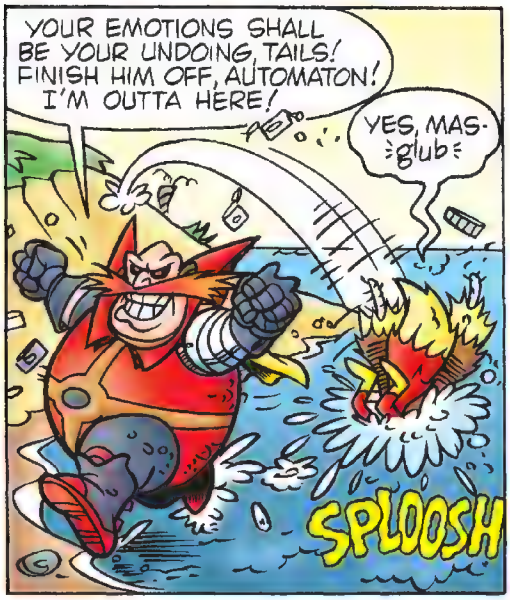

NOT IF I UPROOT IT, BLUBBERBOLTS!
Whrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr....
SSSKRUNSK!
GADZOOKS!
BZZZT

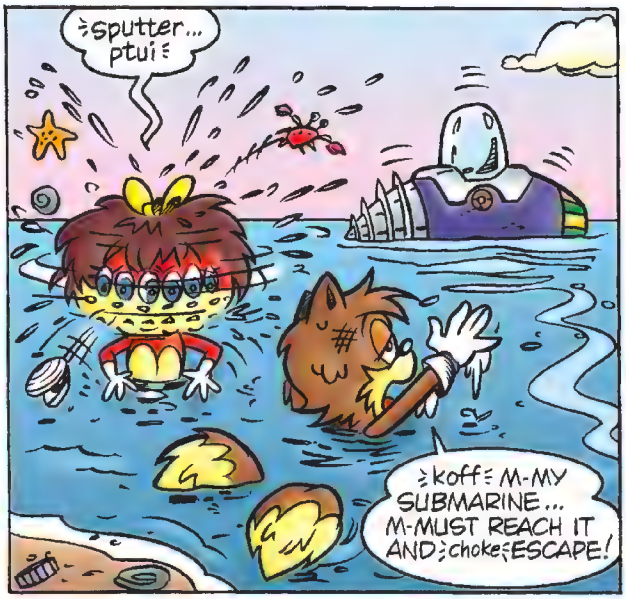

NOW I'M REALLY TEED OFF... FORE!
OH! HE'S INTO THE WATER HAZARD!
OOF!
OUCH!
EECH!
OOOCH!
SWOT!

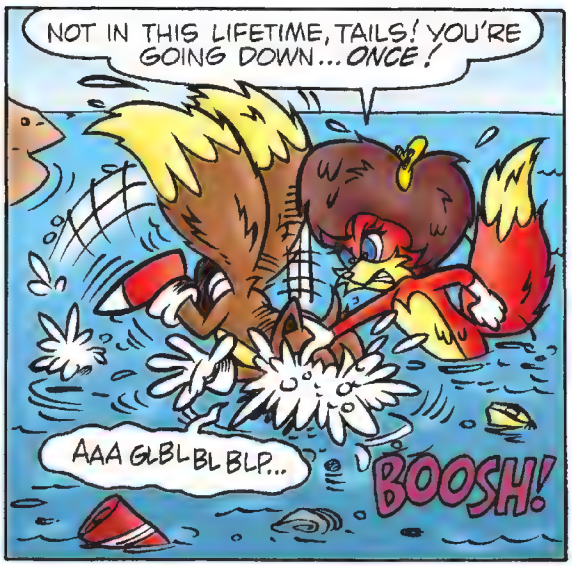

YOU'RE DONE FOR, ROBUTTNIK! BAD ENOUGH YOU'VE POLLUTED THIS PLANET AND DRIVEN A WEDGE BETWEEN ME AND MY FRIENDS... BUT NOW YOU'VE ROBBED ME OF MY INNOCENCE!
CAREFUL, BOY...WOMEN WILL NOT ONLY BREAK YOUR HEART...

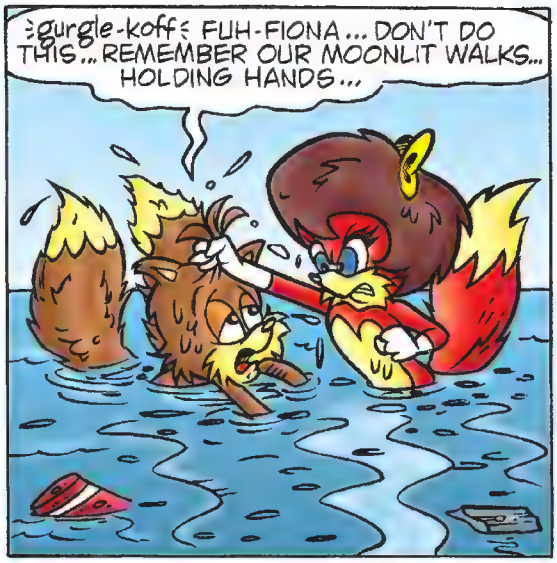

"...BUT YOUR BACK AS WELL!"
WHAM!
UMMF!

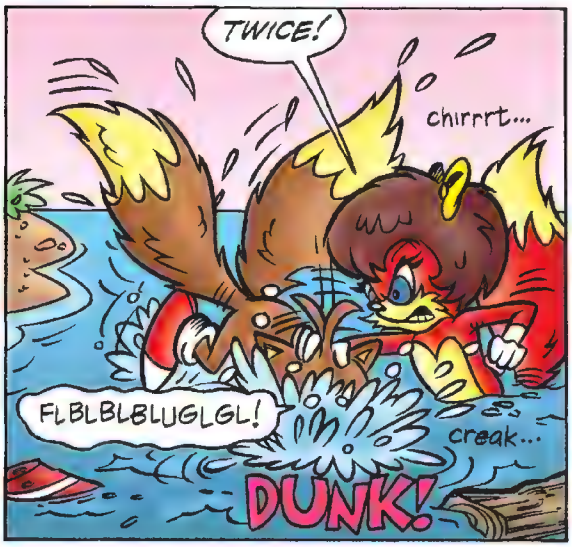

THERE'S NO HOPE FOR YOU THIS TIME, FREEDOM FIGHTER!
FIONA--STOP! I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO FIGHT YOU!
snicker

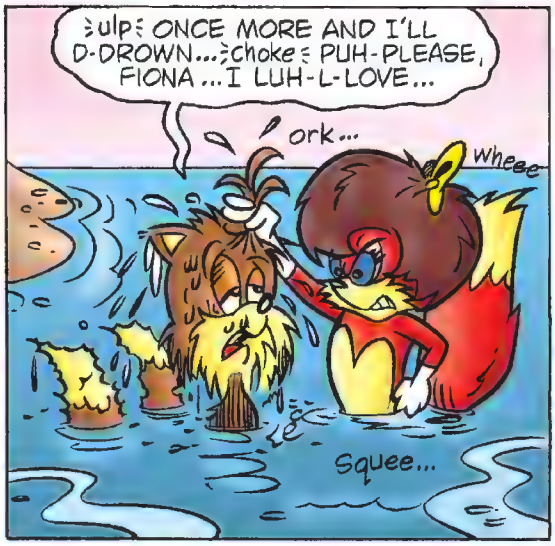

YOUR EMOTIONS SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING, TAILS! FINISH HIM OFF, AUTOMATON! I'M OUTTA HERE!
YES, MAS- glub
SPLOOSH

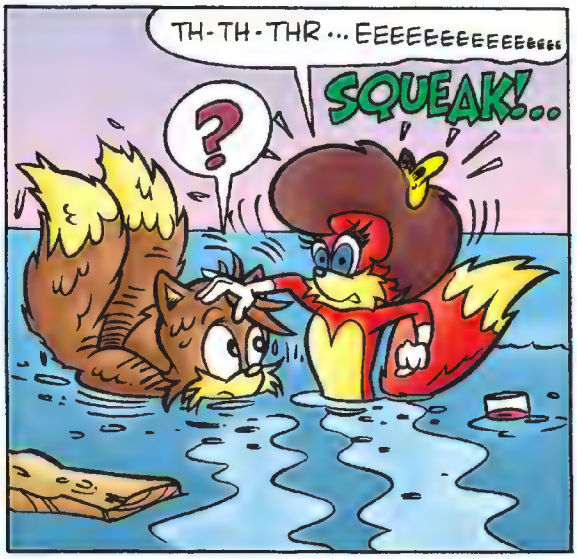

sputter... ptui
koff M-MY SUBMARINE... M-MUST REACH IT AND choke ESCAPE!


NOT IN THIS LIFETIME, TAILS! YOU'RE GOING DOWN... ONCE!
AAA GLBLBLBLP...
BOOSH!

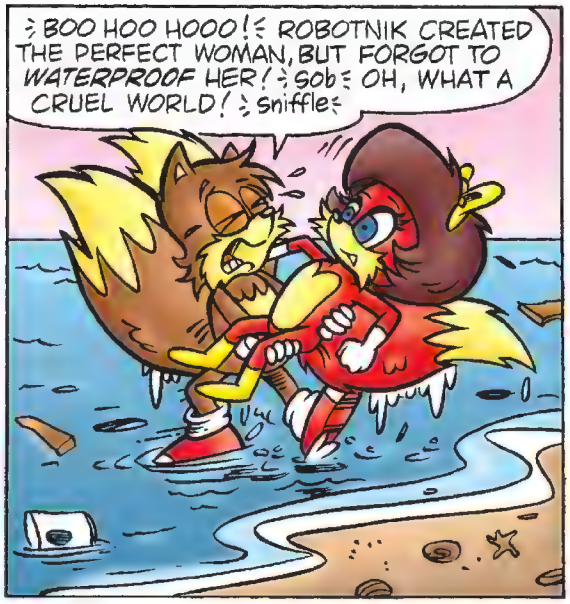

:gurgle-koff: FUH-FIONA... DON'T DO THIS... REMEMBER OUR MOONLIT WALKS... HOLDING HANDS...


TWICE!
chirrrt...
FLBLBLBLUGLGL!
creak...
DUNK!

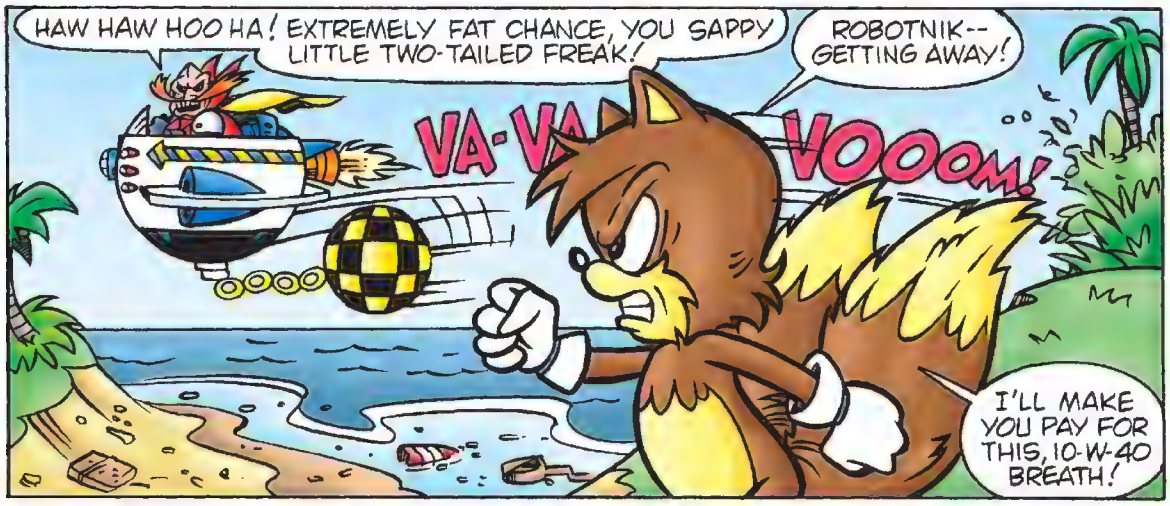

:ulp: ONCE MORE AND I'LL D-DROWN... :choke: PUH-PLEASE, FIONA... I LUH-L-LOVE...
ork...
wheee
Squee...


TH-TH-THR... EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
?
SQUEAK!..

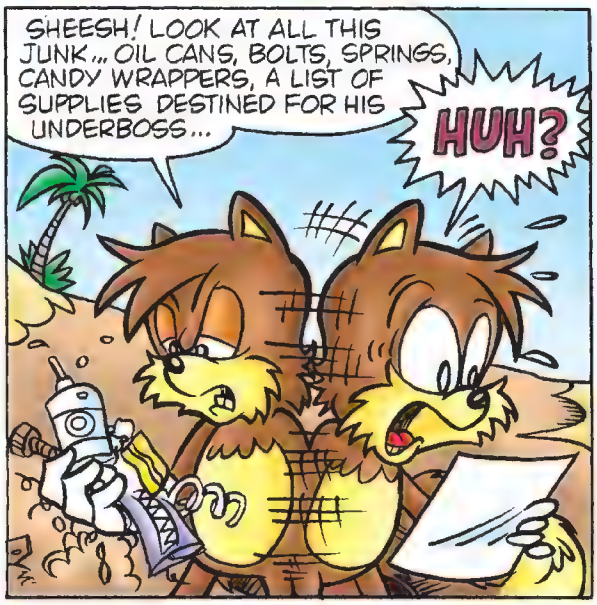
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T DO IT! YOU LOVE ME, TOO... F-FIONA? OH MY GOSH-- SHE'S RUSTED!

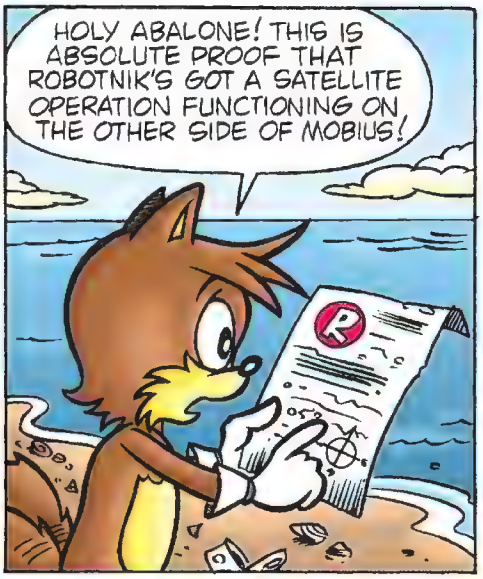

:BOO HOO HOOO!: ROBOTNIK CREATED THE PERFECT WOMAN, BUT FORGOT TO *WATERPROOF* HER! :sob: OH, WHAT A CRUEL WORLD! :sniffle:

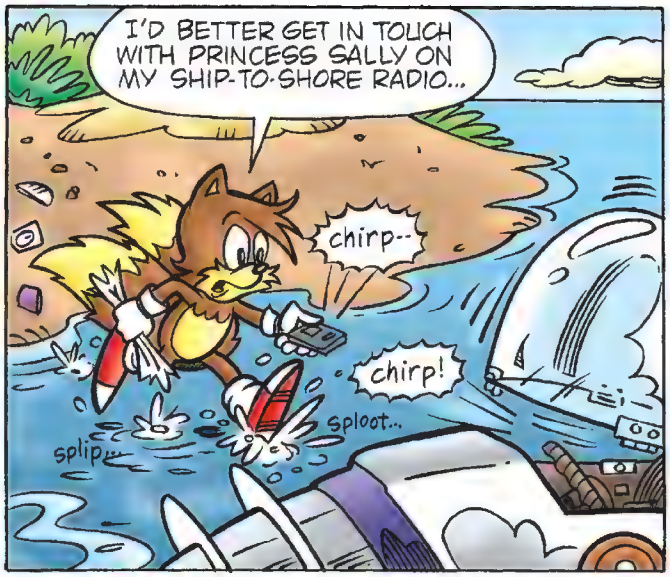
I'LL PUT YOU HERE AS A MONUMENT TO MY LOST YOUTH... BUT I'LL MAKE HIM REPAIR YOU, AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN, MY LOVE!


HAW HAW HOO HA! EXTREMELY FAT CHANCE, YOU SAPPY LITTLE TWO-TAILED FREAK!
ROBOTNIK-- GETTING AWAY!
VA-VA
VOOOM!
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS, 10-W-40 BREATH!

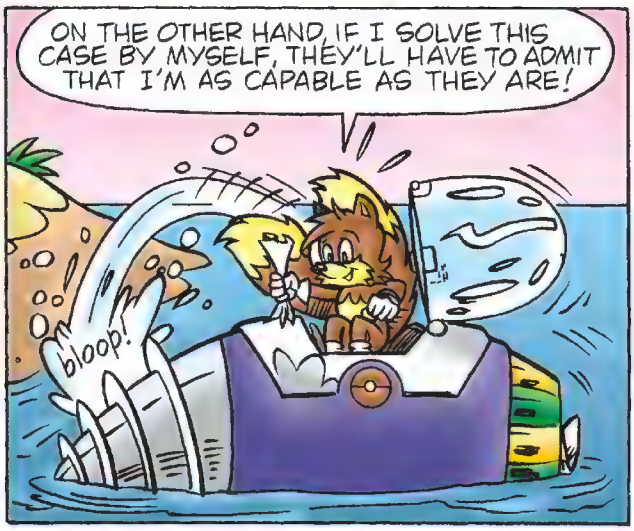
BUT FIRST I'D BETTER PICK UP ALL THE LITTER HE DROPPED BEFORE IT BLOWS INTO THE OCEAN!

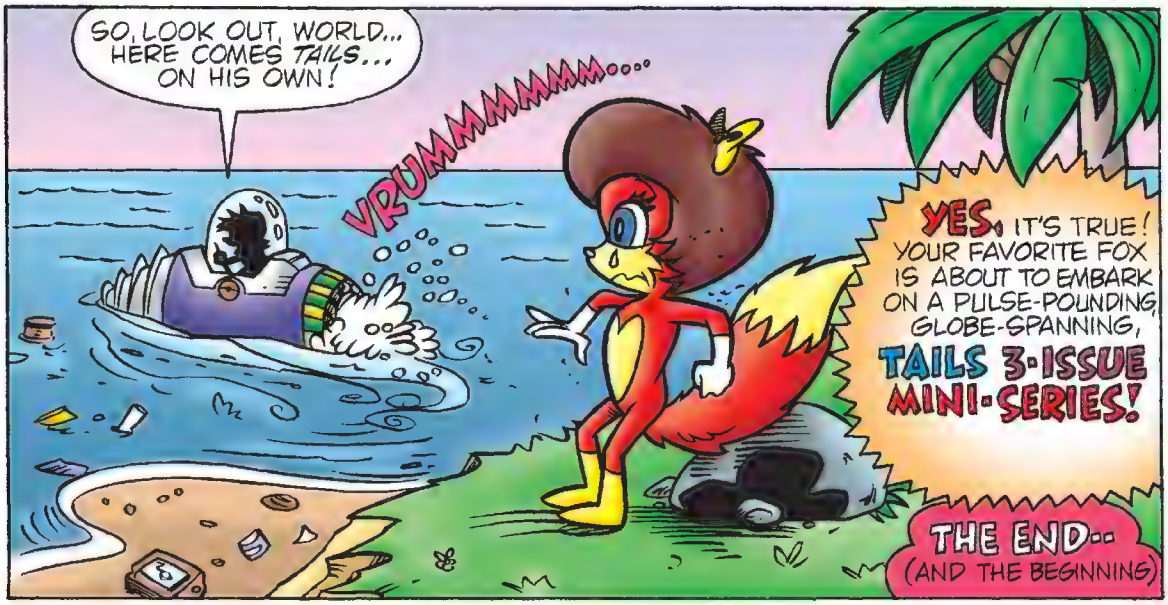

SHEESH! LOOK AT ALL THIS JUNK... OIL CANS, BOLTS, SPRINGS, CANDY WRAPPERS, A LIST OF SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR HIS UNDERBOSS...
HUH?


HOLY ABALONE! THIS IS ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT ROBOTNIK'S GOT A SATELLITE OPERATION FUNCTIONING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOBIUS!


I'D BETTER GET IN TOUCH WITH PRINCESS SALLY ON MY SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO...
chirp--
chirp!
splip...
sploot...

WAIT A MINUTE! IF I TELL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ABOUT THIS, THEY'LL TAKE OVER THE MISSION AND LEAVE ME BEHIND AGAIN!


ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I SOLVE THIS CASE BY MYSELF, THEY'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'M AS CAPABLE AS THEY ARE!
bloop!


SO, LOOK OUT, WORLD... HERE COMES *TAILS*... ON HIS OWN!
VRUMMMMMM....
YES, IT'S TRUE! YOUR FAVORITE FOX IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A PULSE-POUNDING, GLOBE-SPANNING, TAILS 3-ISSUE MINI-SERIES!
THE END... (AND THE BEGINNING)

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HERE!
MY BEST BUDDY TAILS IS COMING AT YOU IN HIS OWN THRILL-PACKED MINI-SERIES!
YEEEE-HA!

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS A PASTORAL PLACE UNTIL THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK ARRIVED.

HIS TYRANNY GAVE RISE TO A NOBLE BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--

--LED BY A. PRINCESS SALLY ACORN - B. ROTOR THE WALRUS - C. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG -

AND D. A HANDSOME TWO-TAILED FOX NAMED *MILES PROWER!*

THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOOLISHLY TREATED MILES LIKE A *CHILD!* LITTLE DID THEY KNOW HIS AMAZING SECRET...

RED ALERT

STORE ROOM

FOR WHEN DANGER AROSE, THE MEEK, MILD-MANNERED GUY SHED HIS SECRET IDENTITY AND STOOD REVEALED AS...

CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN

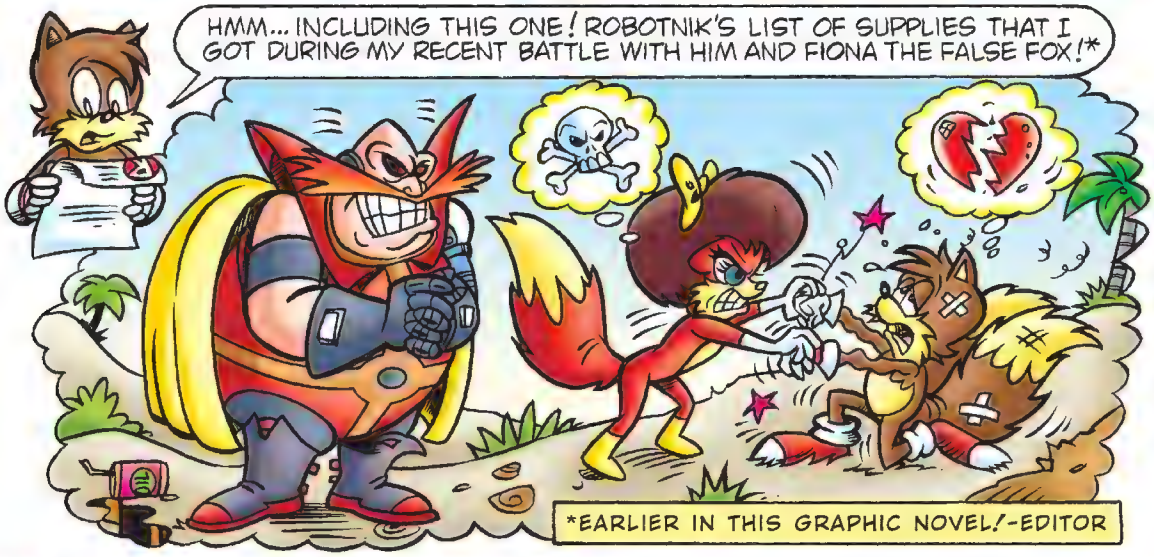
THE *MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!*

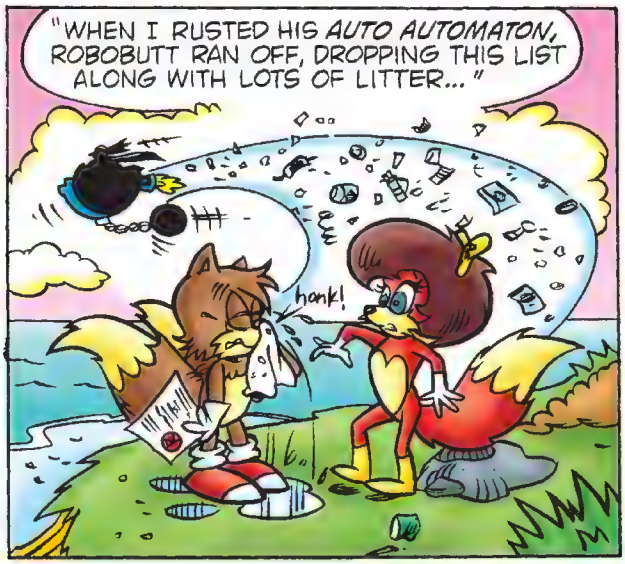
AVENGER OF EVIL! RIGHTER OF WRONGS! JUST AS SMART AS ANYONE ELSE! JOIN US FOR HIS ADVENTURES IN HIS OWN TITLE CALLED

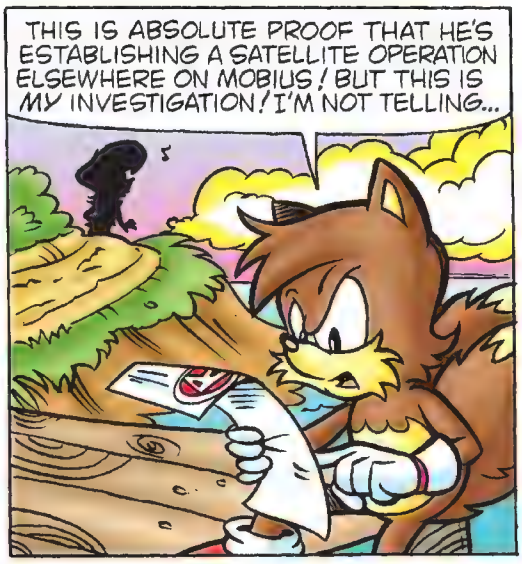
TAILS TO ASTONISH

THIS IS GREAT! I LOVE WRITING AND DRAWING MY OWN COMIC BOOK!
NOBODY CAN PUSH ME AROUND OR BABY ME!
TAILS TO ASTONISH PG. 1

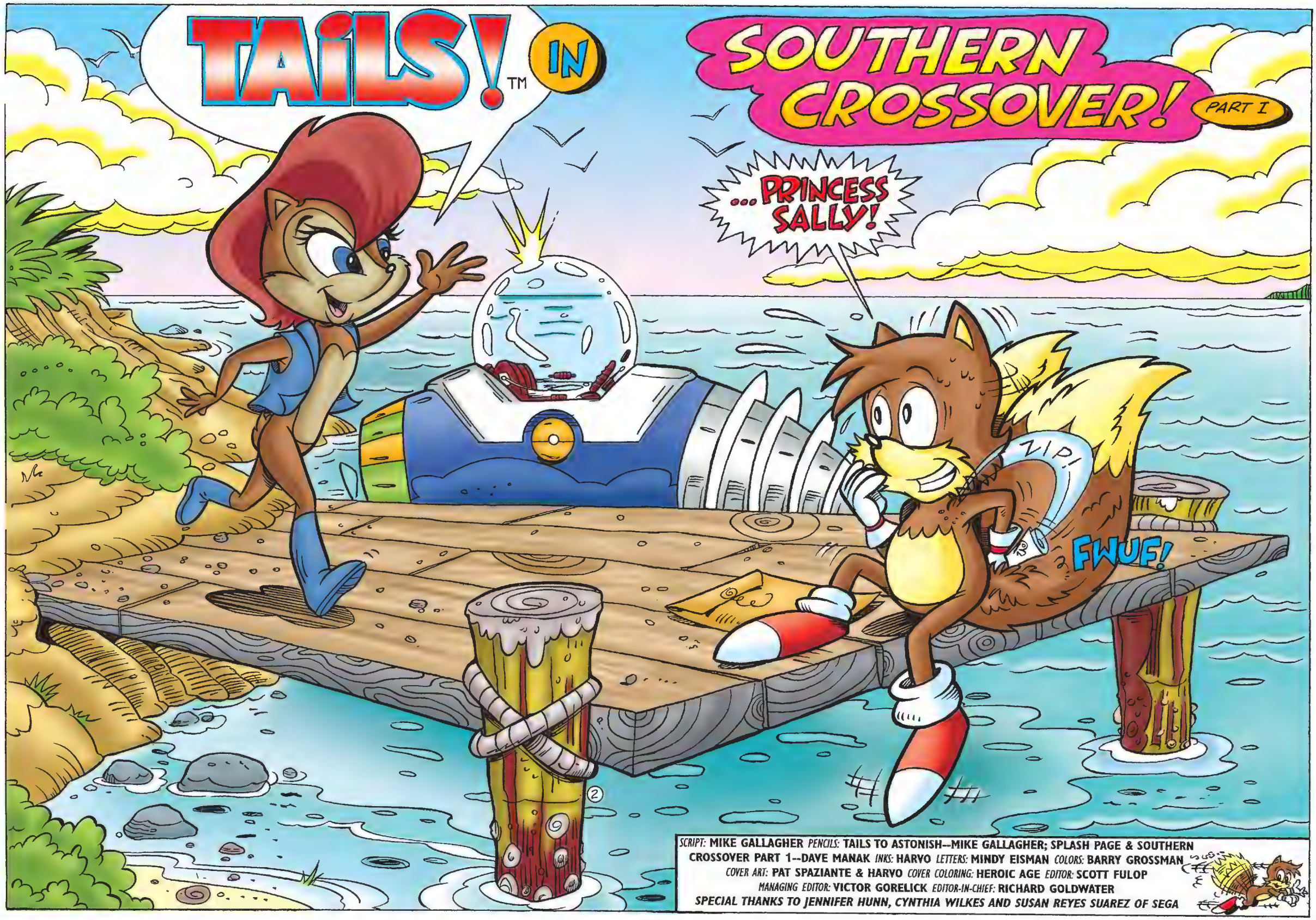
OF COURSE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL TELL ME I'M TOO YOUNG TO HAVE AN "ARTISTIC LICENSE"! I'LL SLIP MY COMIC IN HERE WITH MY OTHER PAPERS!


HMM... INCLUDING THIS ONE! ROBOTNIK'S LIST OF SUPPLIES THAT I GOT DURING MY RECENT BATTLE WITH HIM AND FIONA THE FALSE FOX!*
*EARLIER IN THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL!-EDITOR


"WHEN I RUSTED HIS AUTO AUTOMATON, ROBOBUTT RAN OFF, DROPPING THIS LIST ALONG WITH LOTS OF LITTER..."
hank!


THIS IS ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT HE'S ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OPERATION ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS! BUT THIS IS MY INVESTIGATION! I'M NOT TELLING...

TAILS! IN SOUTHERN CROSSOVER! PART I



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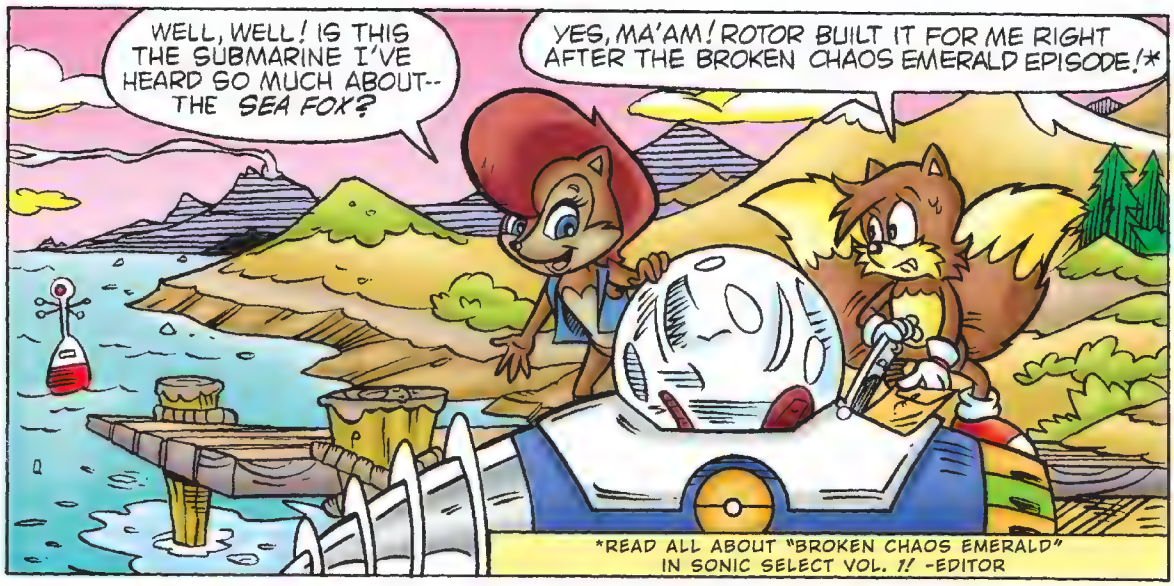
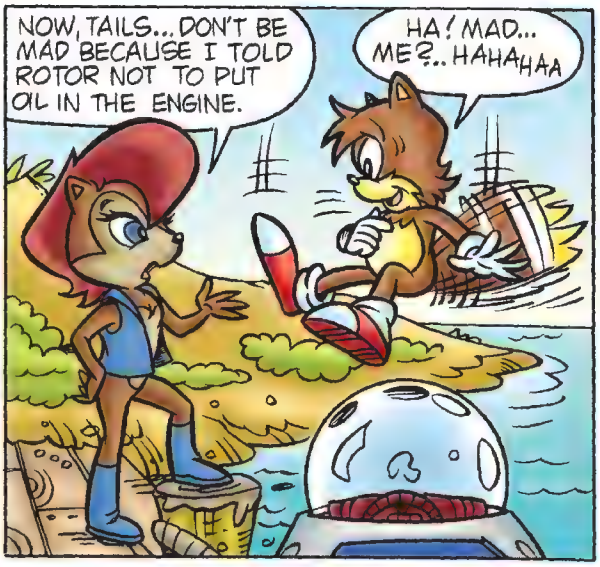
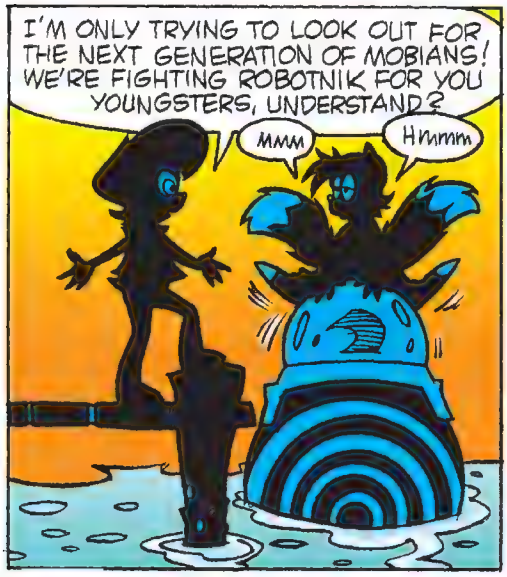
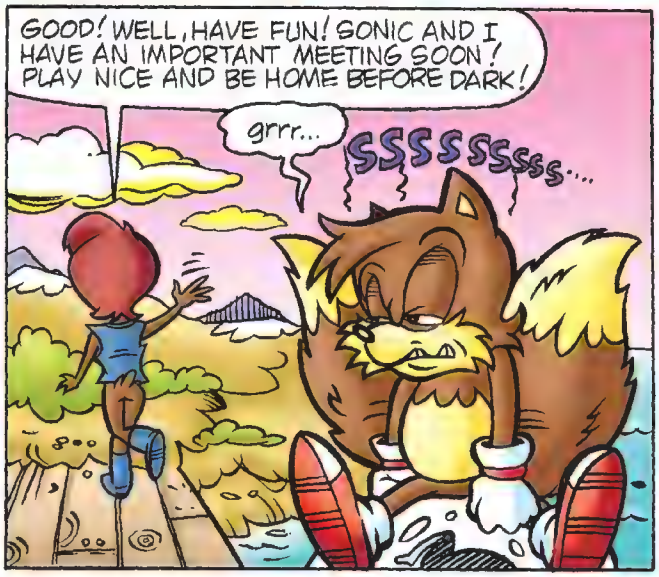
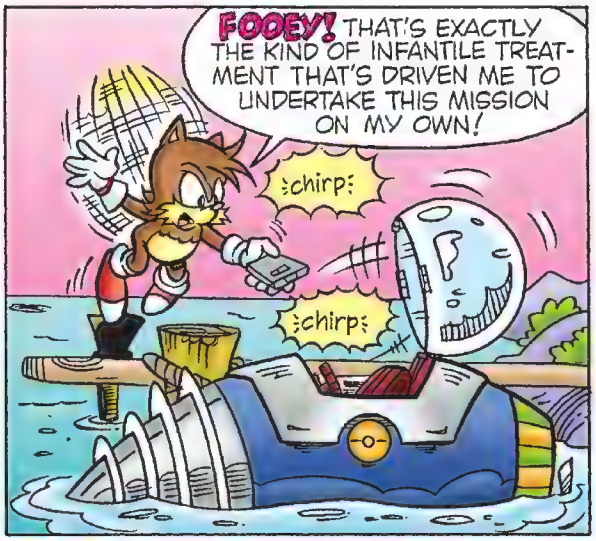

WELL, WELL! IS THIS THE SUBMARINE I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT-- THE SEA FOX?
YES, MA'AM! ROTOR BUILT IT FOR ME RIGHT AFTER THE BROKEN CHAOS EMERALD EPISODE!*
*READ ALL ABOUT "BROKEN CHAOS EMERALD" IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 1! -EDITOR

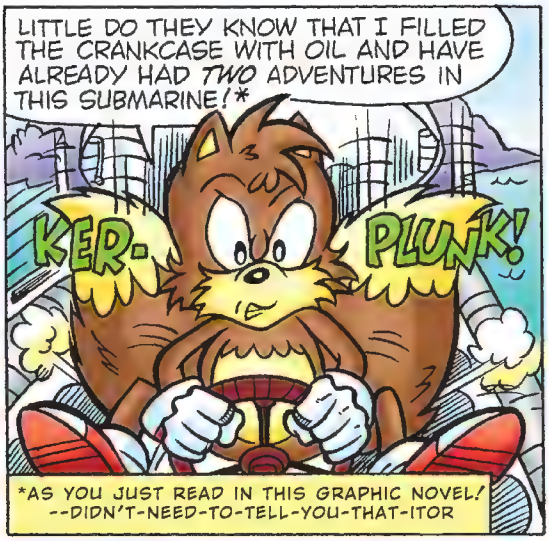
AND I UNDERSTAND YOU REALLY ENJOY PRETENDING IT WORKS!
OH, YES! IT'S SUCH HARMLESS FUN!
PUTT-PUTT
VROOM!
POW! ZAP! BOING!

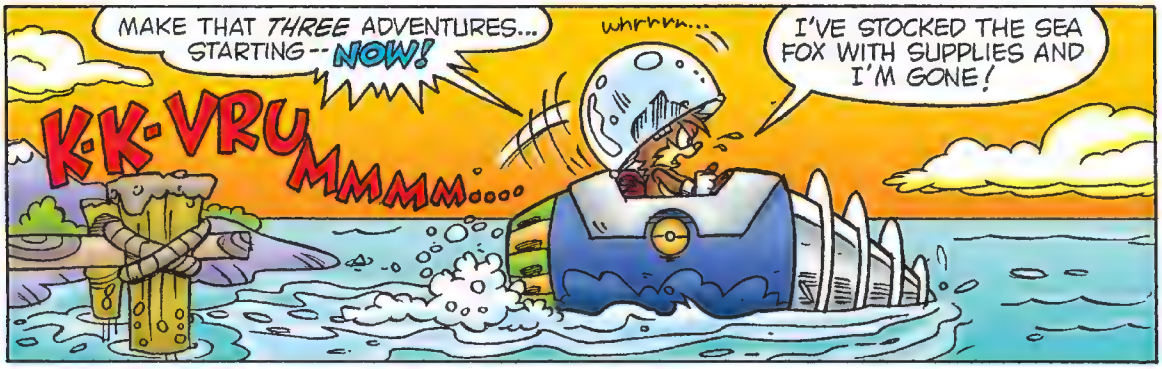

NOW, TAILS... DON'T BE MAD BECAUSE I TOLD ROTOR NOT TO PUT OIL IN THE ENGINE.
HA! MAD... ME?.. HAHAHAA

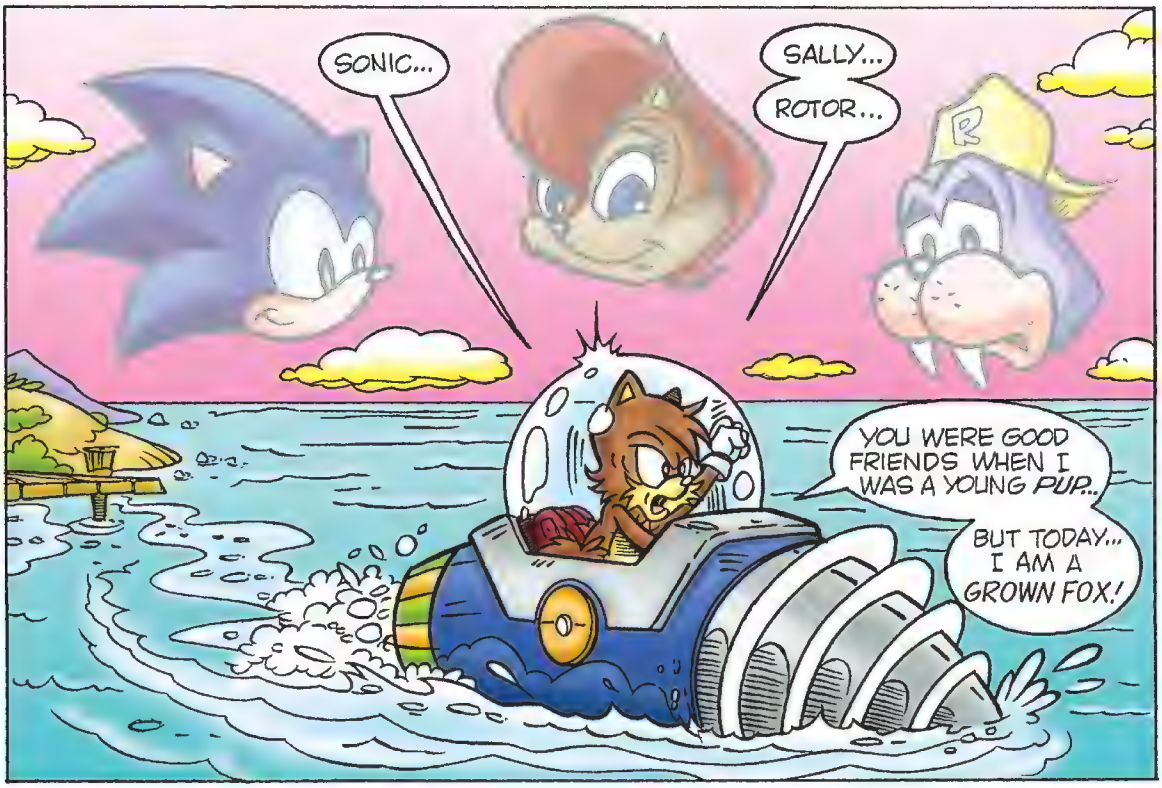

I'M ONLY TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF MOBIANS! WE'RE FIGHTING ROBOTNIK FOR YOU YOUNGSTERS, UNDERSTAND?
MMM
Hmmm


GOOD! WELL, HAVE FUN! SONIC AND I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MEETING SOON! PLAY NICE AND BE HOME BEFORE DARK!
grrr...
SSSSSSSSS....


FOOEY! THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF INFANTILE TREATMENT THAT'S DRIVEN ME TO UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION ON MY OWN!
:chirp:
:chirp:


LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT I FILLED THE CRANKCASE WITH OIL AND HAVE ALREADY HAD TWO ADVENTURES IN THIS SUBMARINE!*
KER-
PLUNK!
*AS YOU JUST READ IN THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL! --DIDN'T-NEED-TO-TELL-YOU-THAT-ITOR


MAKE THAT THREE ADVENTURES... STARTING-- NOW!
whrrrrr...
I'VE STOCKED THE SEA FOX WITH SUPPLIES AND I'M GONE!
K-K-VRUMMMMoooo


SONIC...
SALLY...
ROTOR...
YOU WERE GOOD FRIENDS WHEN I WAS A YOUNG PUP...
BUT TODAY... I AM A GROWN FOX!

ELSEWHERE:

ALL CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD!

LOWER AWAY!

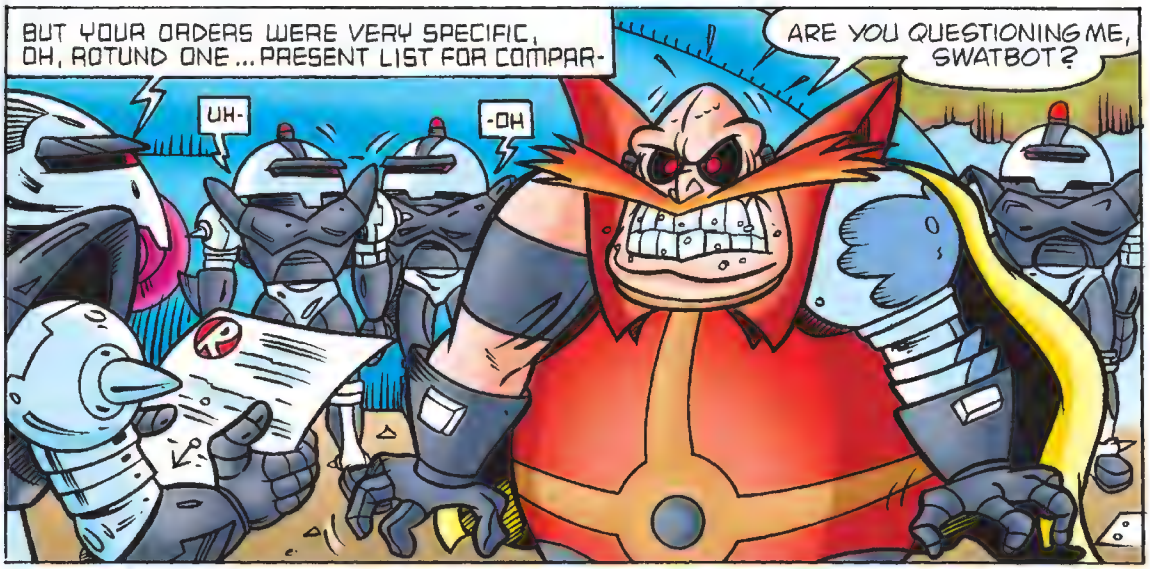
THE SUPPLY BLIMP IS LOADED AND READY TO GO!

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

SECURE AFT HATCHES!

HERE IS THE CARGO LIST SO YOU MAY CHECK IT AGAINST YOUR OWN...

ERR... N-NEVER MIND! I'M SURE IT'S FINE...

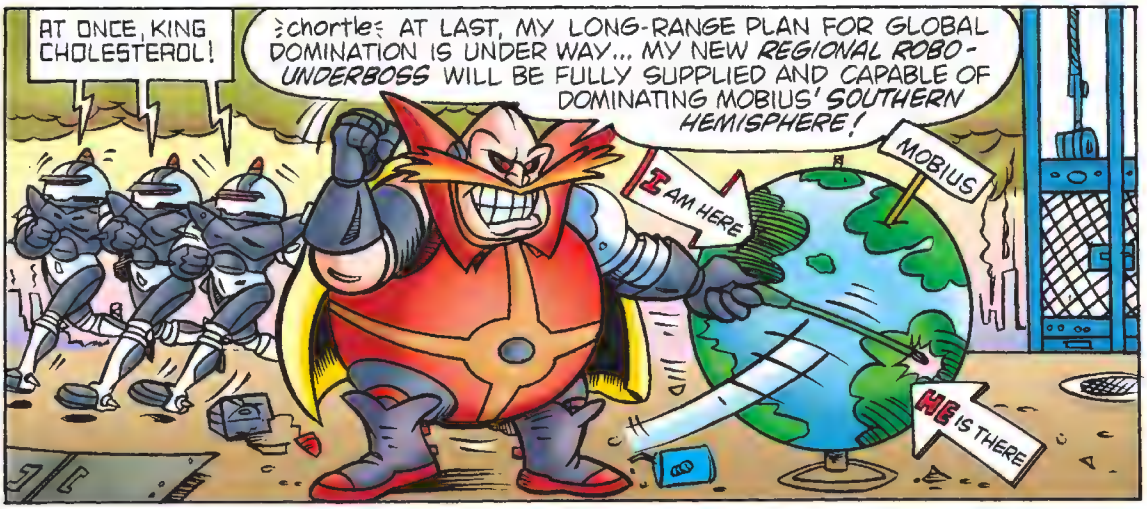

BUT YOUR ORDERS WERE VERY SPECIFIC, OH, ROTUND ONE... PRESENT LIST FOR COMPAR-
UH-
-OH
ARE YOU QUESTIONING ME, SWATBOT?

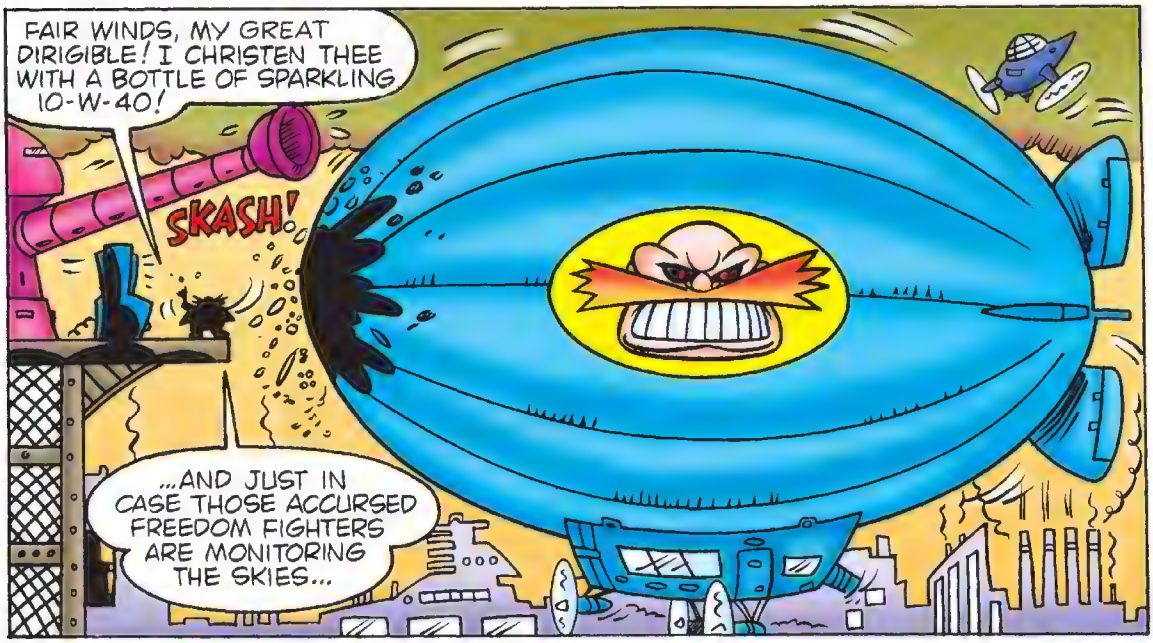
AS MY OLD FRIEND DARTH WOULD SAY: "I FIND YOUR LACK OF FAITH DISTURBING!"
HOOOH-OHHH!
gurk!

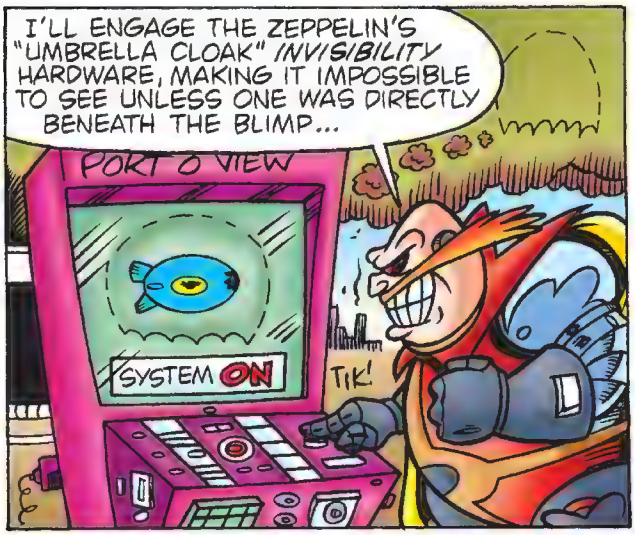
CRUMPLE!
SNARL
MASH...
SQUISH!
COMPRESS...

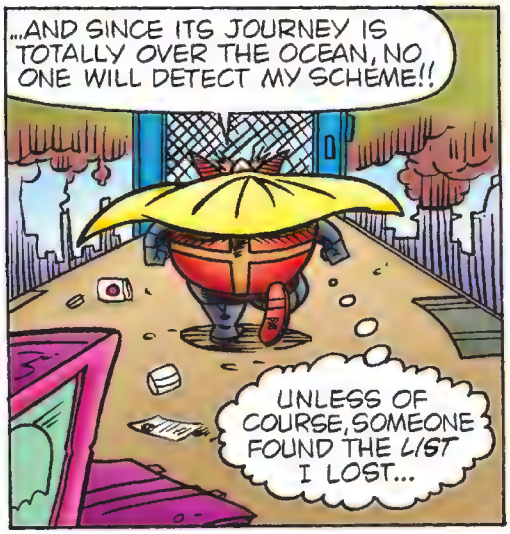
WOULD ANYONE ELSE CARE TO CONTRADICT THE GREAT DICTATOR IVO ROBOTNIK?
ULP!
N-N-NUH-
NOSSIR!
dink!
doink!

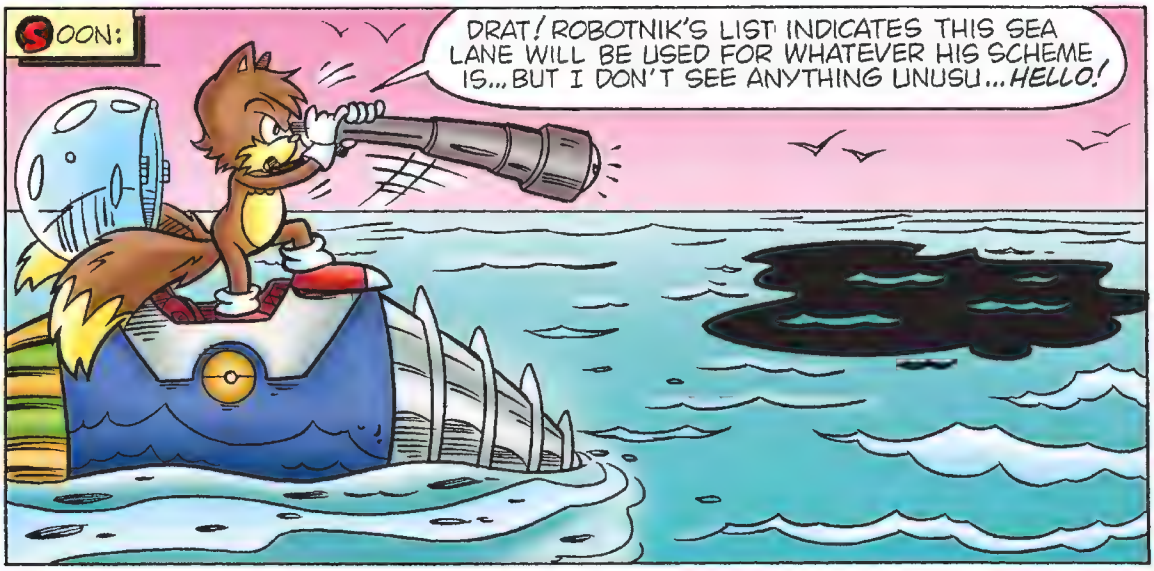
GOOD! NOW YOU TIN-HORNS GET ON BOARD AND PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF!


AT ONCE, KING CHOLESTEROL!
chortle AT LAST, MY LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR GLOBAL DOMINATION IS UNDER WAY... MY NEW REGIONAL ROBO-UNDERBOSS WILL BE FULLY SUPPLIED AND CAPABLE OF DOMINATING MOBIUS' SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE!
I AM HERE
MOBIUS
HE IS THERE

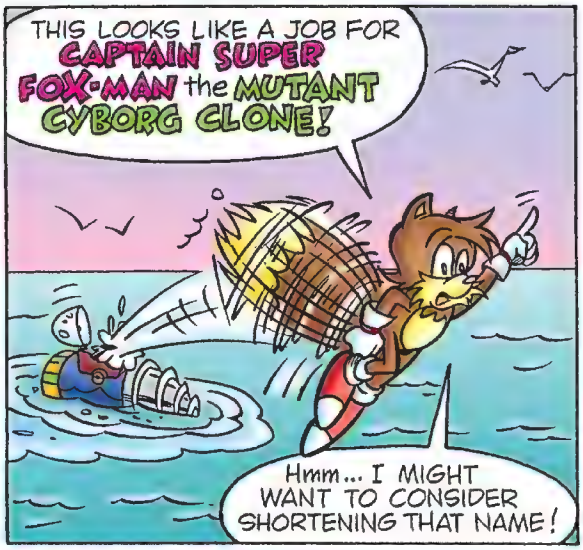

FAIR WINDS, MY GREAT DIRIGIBLE! I CHRISTEN THEE WITH A BOTTLE OF SPARKLING 10-W-40!
SKASH!
...AND JUST IN CASE THOSE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE MONITORING THE SKIES...

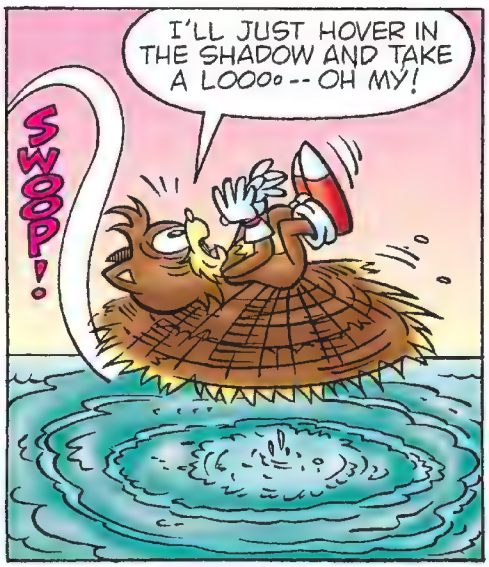

I'LL ENGAGE THE ZEPPELIN'S "UMBRELLA CLOAK" INVISIBILITY HARDWARE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE UNLESS ONE WAS DIRECTLY BENEATH THE BLIMP...
PORT O VIEW
SYSTEM ON
TIK!

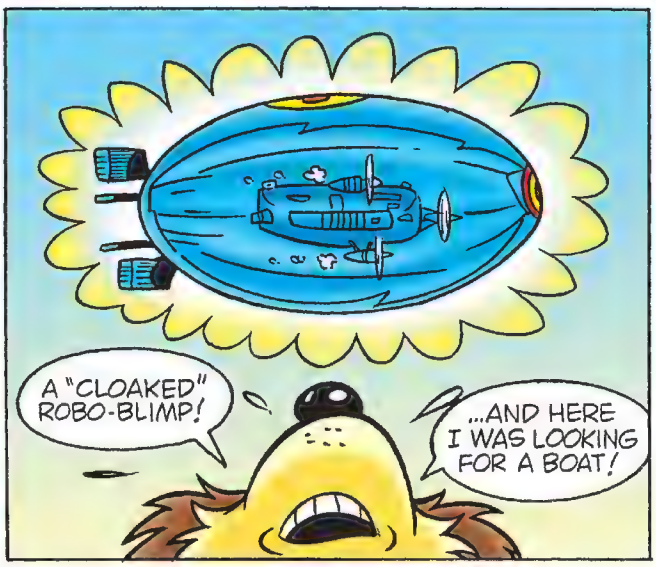

...AND SINCE ITS JOURNEY IS TOTALLY OVER THE OCEAN, NO ONE WILL DETECT MY SCHEME!!
UNLESS OF COURSE, SOMEONE FOUND THE LIST I LOST...


SOON:
DRAT! ROBOTNIK'S LIST INDICATES THIS SEA LANE WILL BE USED FOR WHATEVER HIS SCHEME IS... BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING UNUSU... HELLO!

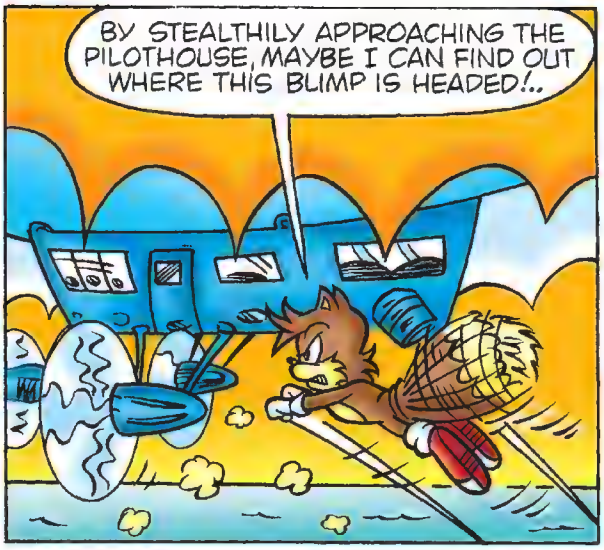
WHY IS THERE A HUGE SHADOW ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER WHEN THERE ISN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY?

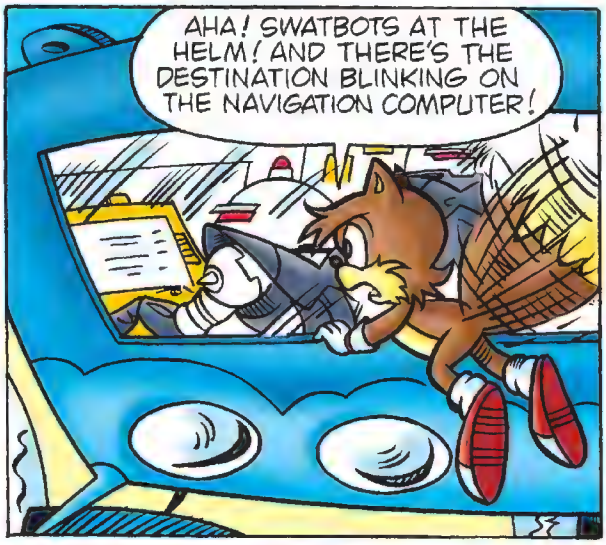

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN the MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!
Hmm... I MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER SHORTENING THAT NAME!

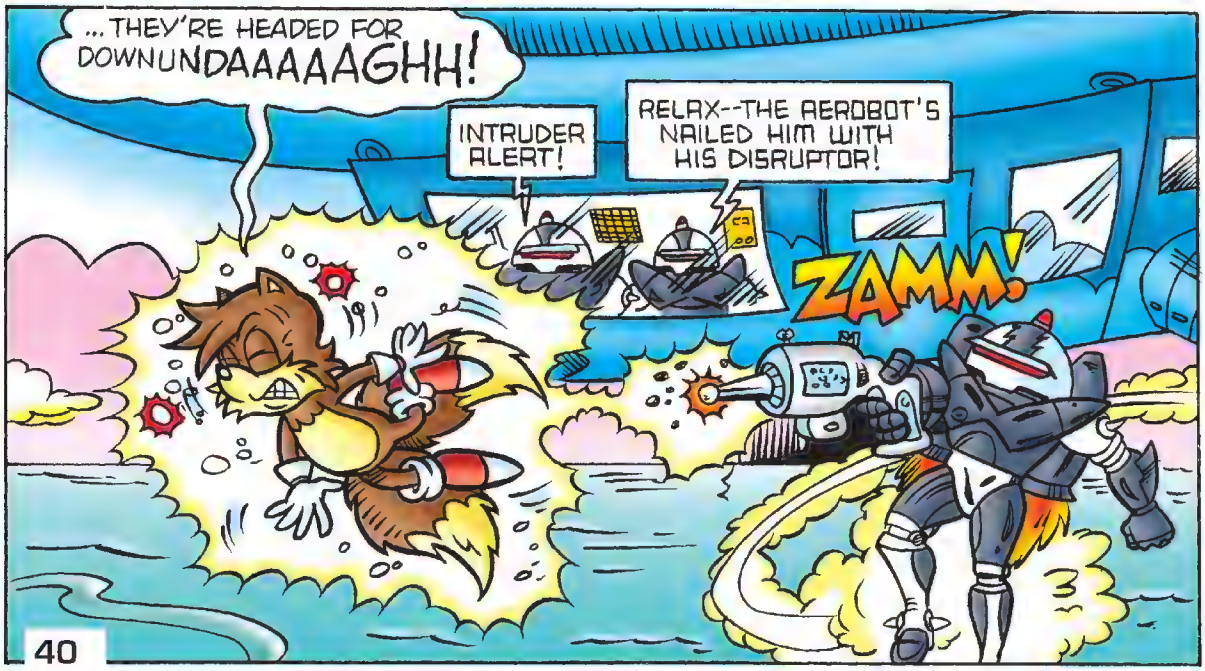

I'LL JUST HOVER IN THE SHADOW AND TAKE A LOOOO -- OH MY!
SWOOP!

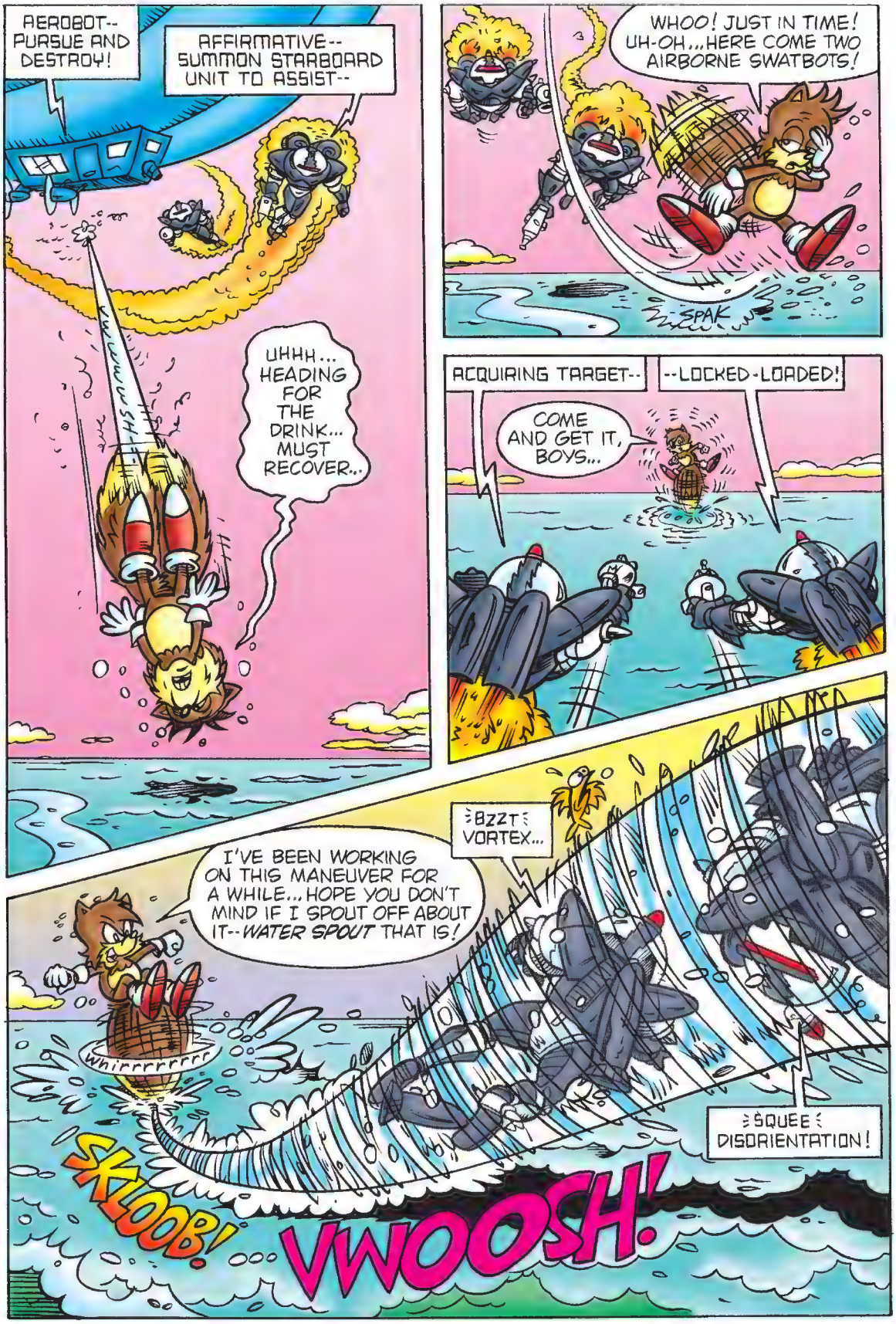

A "CLOAKED" ROBO-BLIMP!
...AND HERE I WAS LOOKING FOR A BOAT!

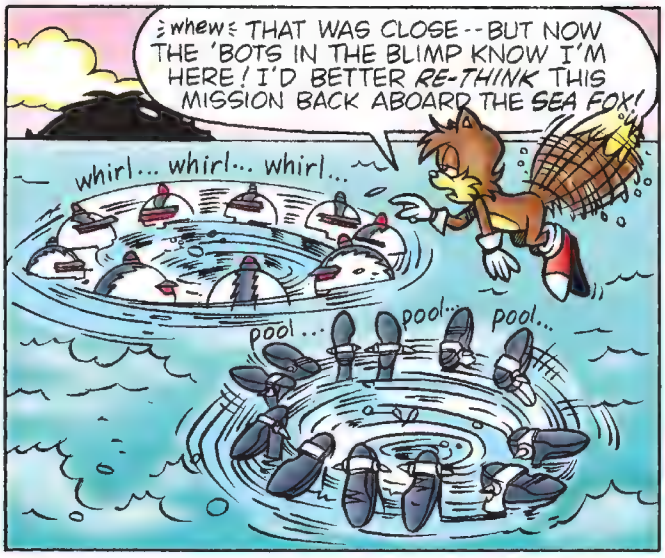
A TRICK LIKE THAT MIGHT HAVE FOOLED A YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED FREEDOM FIGHTER...
BUT NOT CAPTAIN SUPER--
Umm... BUT NOT ME!
ZOOSH...

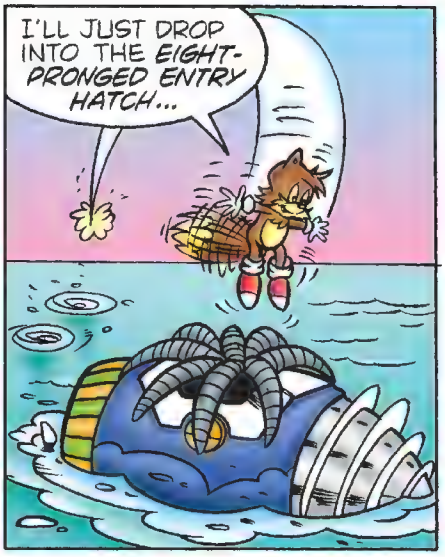

BY STEALTHILY APPROACHING THE PILOTHOUSE, MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT WHERE THIS BLIMP IS HEADED!..

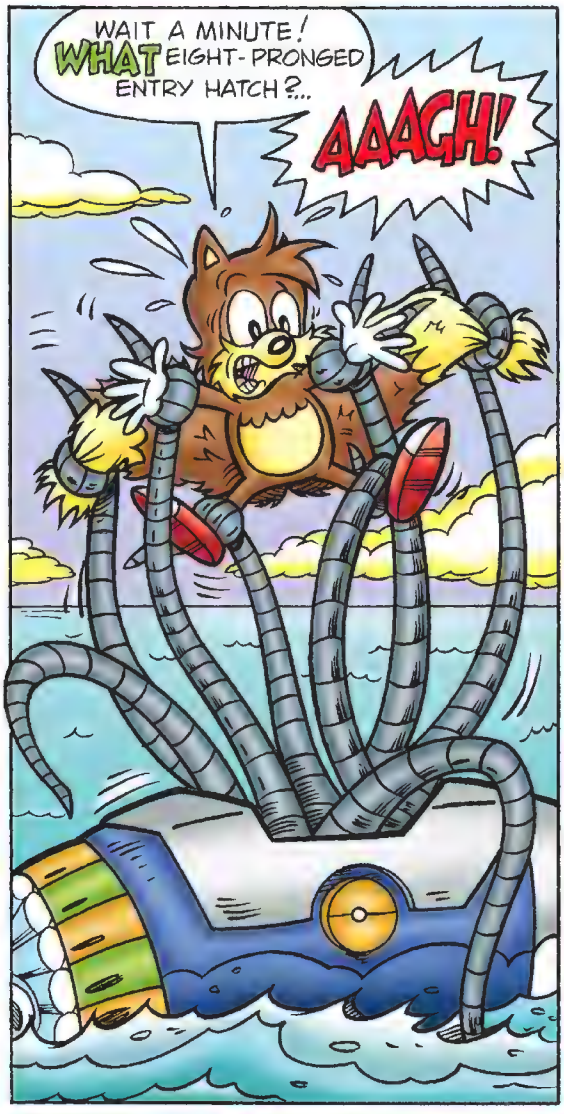

AHA! SWATBOTS AT THE HELM! AND THERE'S THE DESTINATION BLINKING ON THE NAVIGATION COMPUTER!

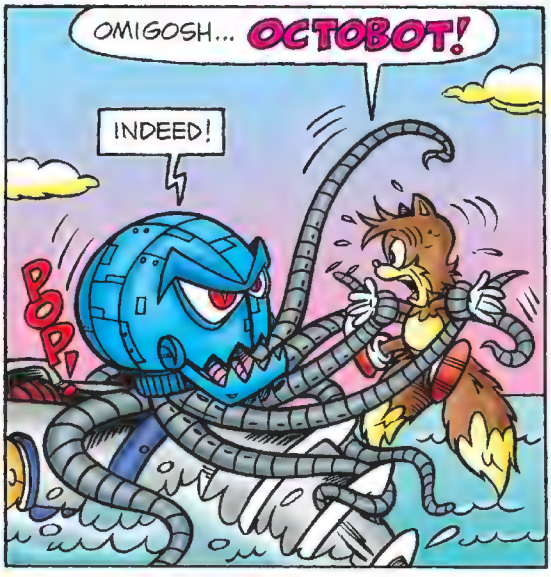

...THEY'RE HEADED FOR DOWNUNDAAAAAGHH!
INTRUDER ALERT!
RELAX--THE AEROBOT'S NAILED HIM WITH HIS DISRUPTOR!
ZAMM!

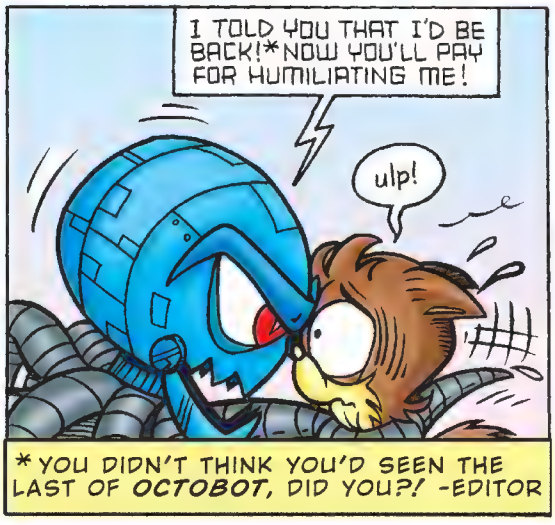

AEROBOT-- PURSUE AND DESTROY!
AFFIRMATIVE-- SUMMON STARBOARD UNIT TO ASSIST--
UHHH... HEADING FOR THE DRINK... MUST RECOVER...
WHOO! JUST IN TIME! UH-OH...HERE COME TWO AIRBORNE SWATBOTS!
SPAK
ACQUIRING TARGET--
--LOCKED-LOADED!
COME AND GET IT, BOYS...
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS MANEUVER FOR A WHILE... HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I SPOUT OFF ABOUT IT--*WATER SPOUT* THAT IS!
BZZT VORTEX...
Whirrrrrrrr
SQUEE DISORIENTATION!
SKLOOB!
VWOOSH!

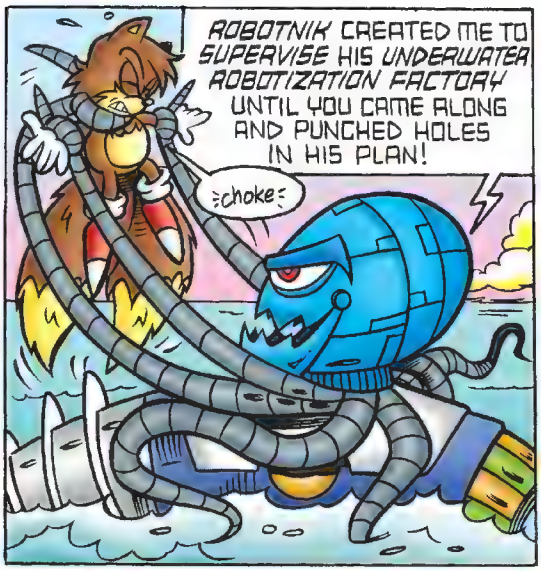

whew THAT WAS CLOSE--BUT NOW THE 'BOTS IN THE BLIMP KNOW I'M HERE! I'D BETTER RE-THINK THIS MISSION BACK ABOARD THE SEA FOX!
whirl... whirl... whirl...
pool...
pool...
pool...

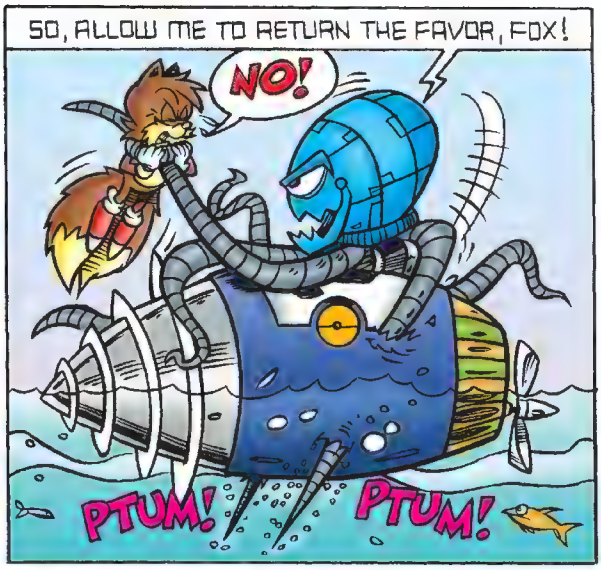

I'LL JUST DROP INTO THE EIGHT-PRONGED ENTRY HATCH...

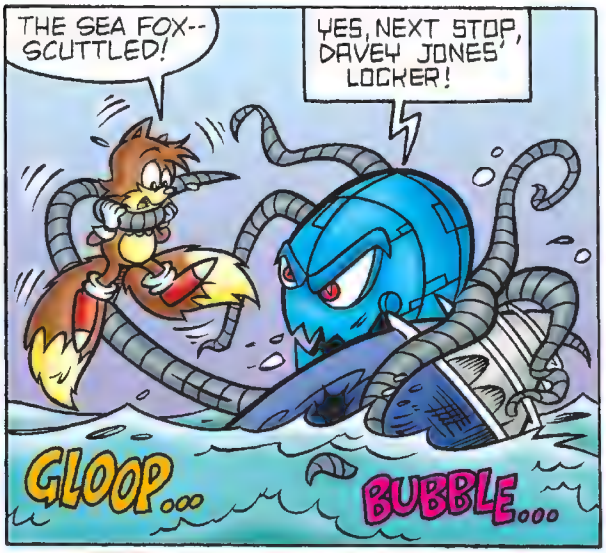

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT EIGHT-PRONGED ENTRY HATCH?...
AAAGH!

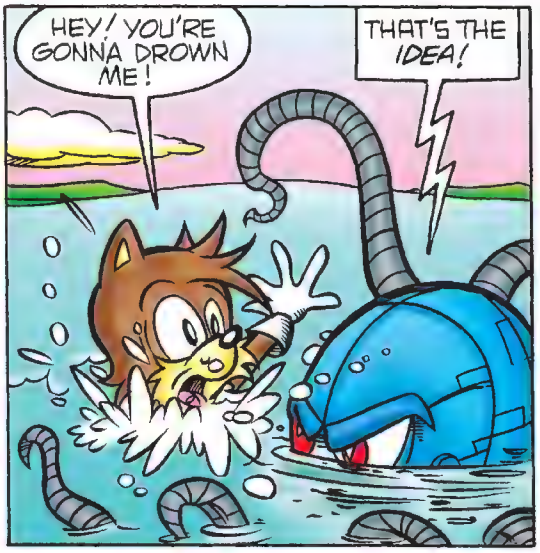

OMIGOSH... OCTOBOT!
INDEED!
POP!

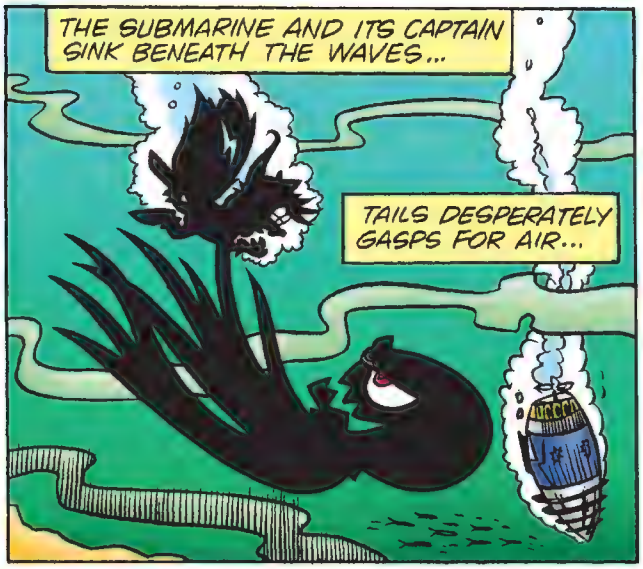

I TOLD YOU THAT I'D BE BACK!* NOW YOU'LL PAY FOR HUMILIATING ME!
ulp!
* YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU'D SEEN THE LAST OF OCTOBOT, DID YOU?! -EDITOR


ROBOTNIK CREATED ME TO SUPERVISE HIS UNDERWATER ROBOTIZATION FACTORY UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG AND PUNCHED HOLES IN HIS PLAN!
:choke:

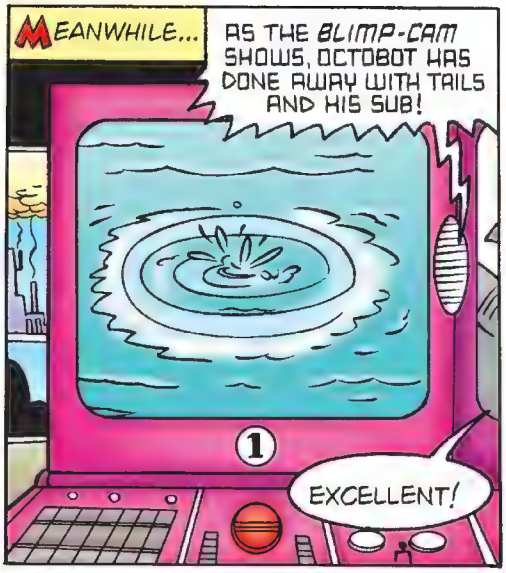

SO, ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR, FOX!
NO!
PTUM!
PTUM!

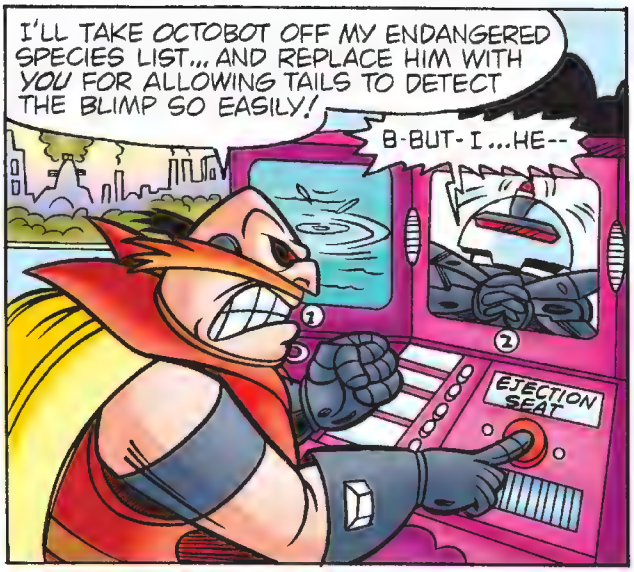

THE SEA FOX-- SCUTTLED!
YES, NEXT STOP, DAVEY JONES' LOCKER!
GLOOP...
BUBBLE...

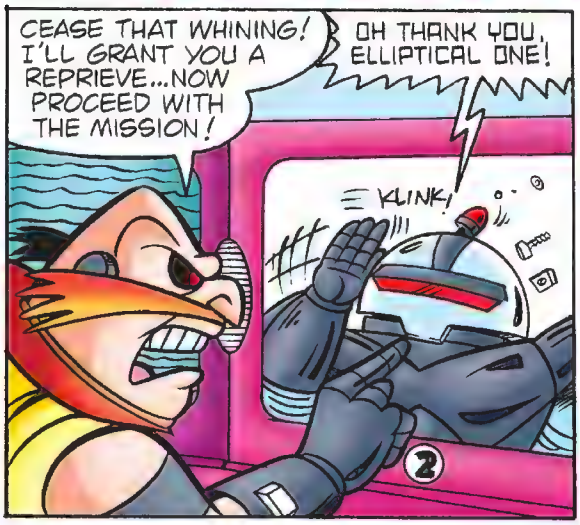

HEY! YOU'RE GONNA DROWN ME!
THAT'S THE IDEA!

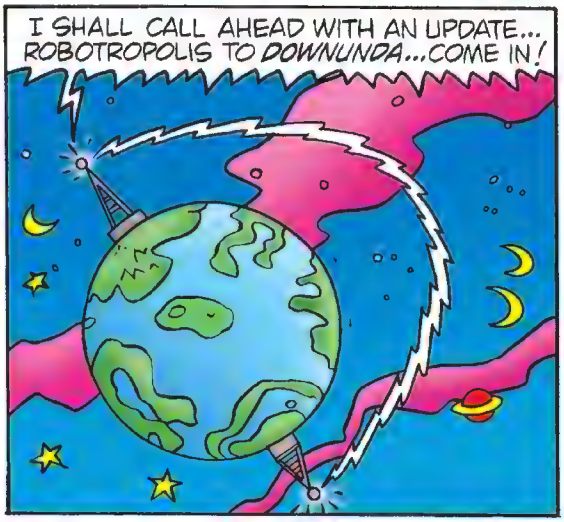

THE SUBMARINE AND ITS CAPTAIN SINK BENEATH THE WAVES...
TAILS DESPERATELY GASPS FOR AIR...

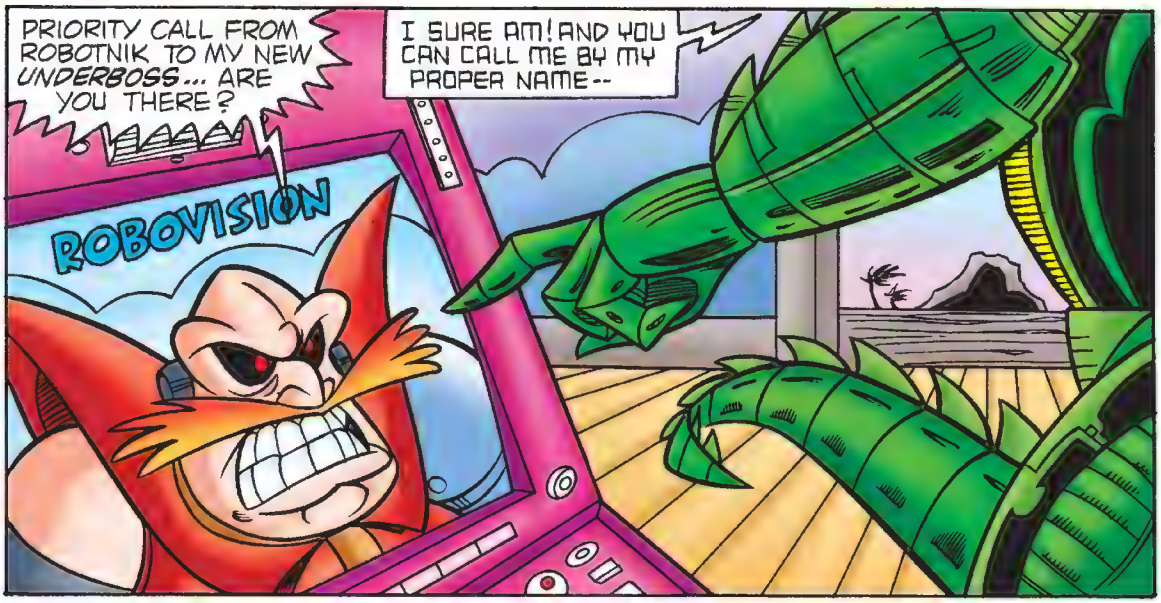
...AND THEN, THE GREAT BLACKNESS COMES!

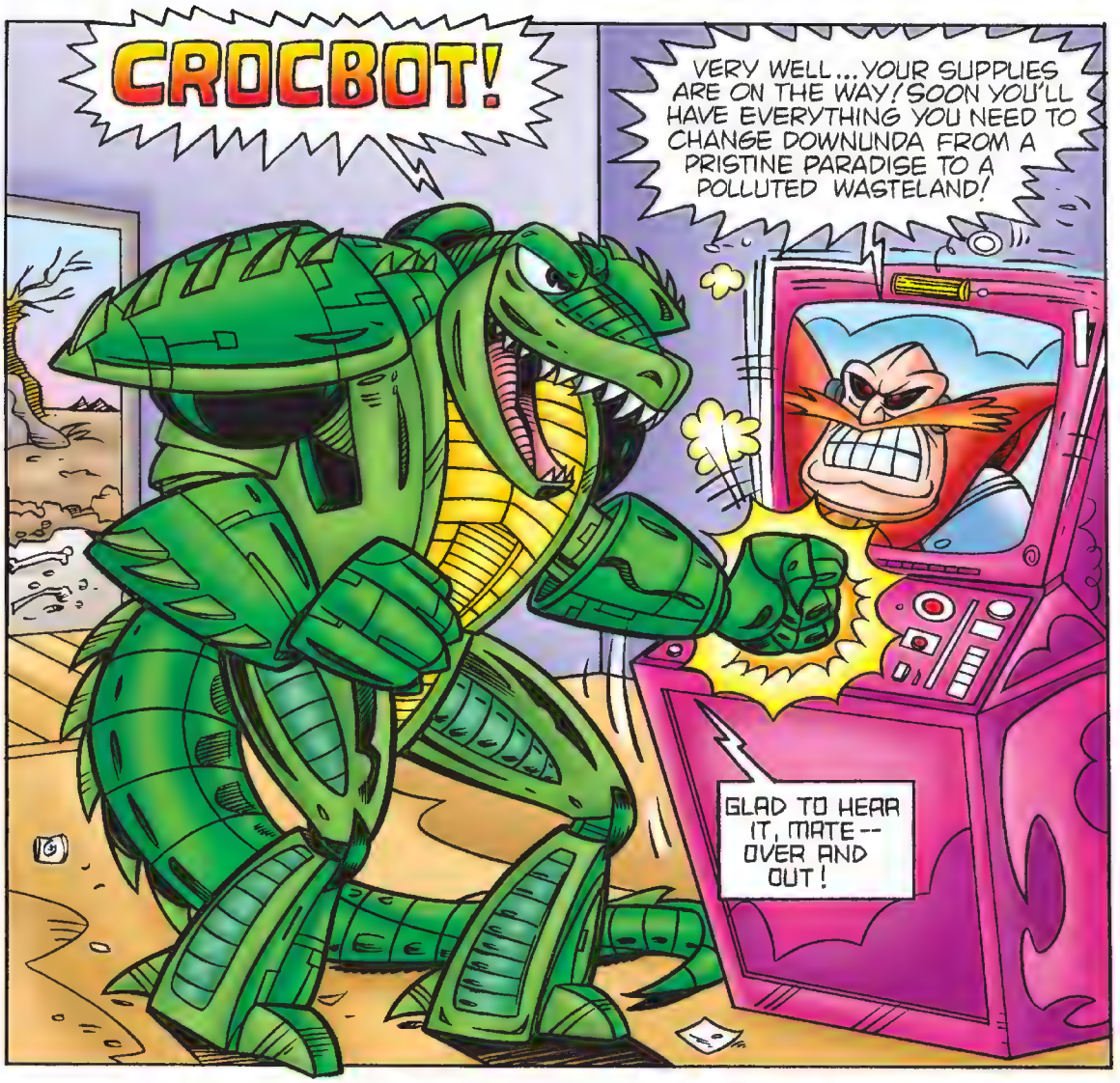

MEANWHILE...
AS THE BLIMP-CAM SHOWS, OCTOBOT HAS DONE AWAY WITH TAILS AND HIS SUB!
1
EXCELLENT!

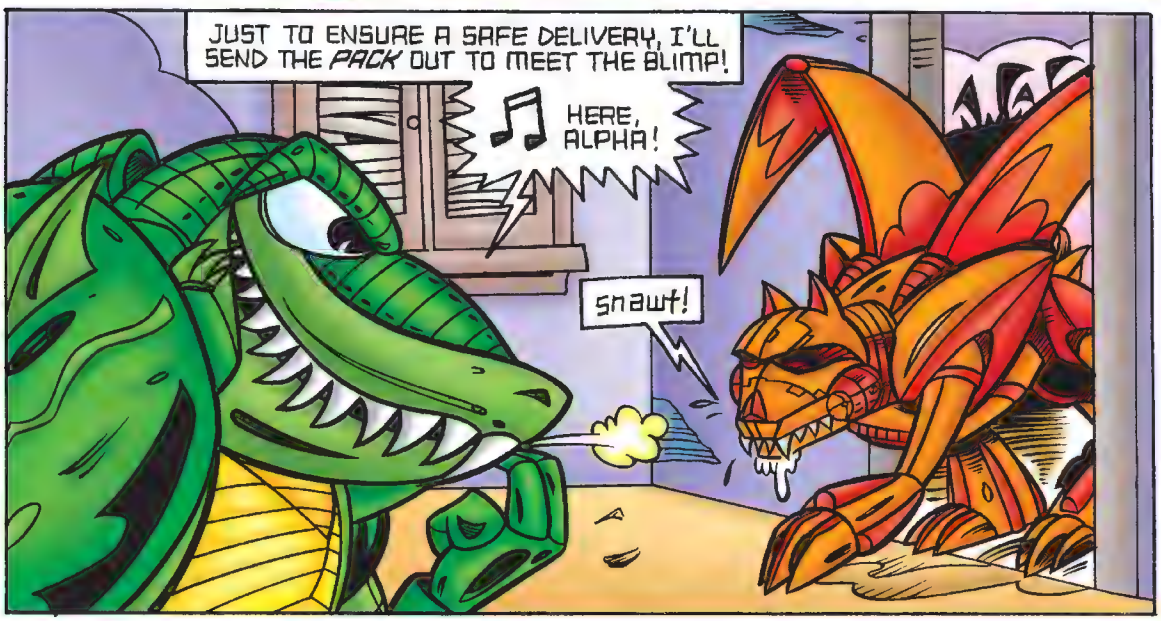

I'LL TAKE OCTOBOT OFF MY ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST... AND REPLACE HIM WITH YOU FOR ALLOWING TAILS TO DETECT THE BLIMP SO EASILY!
B-BUT-I...HE--
1
2
EJECTION SEAT

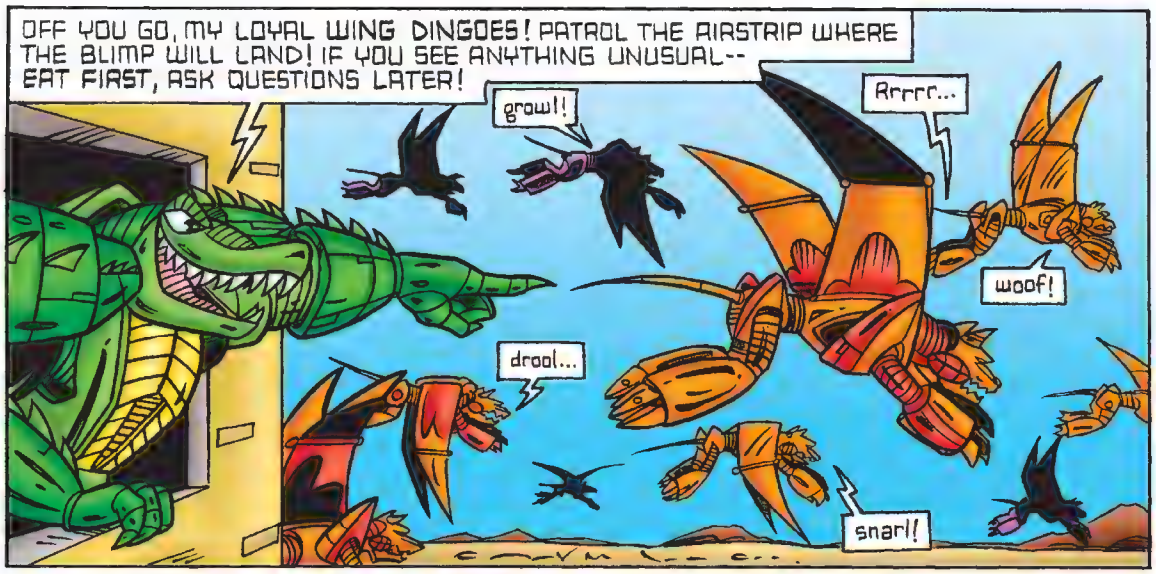

CEASE THAT WHINING! I'LL GRANT YOU A REPRIEVE...NOW PROCEED WITH THE MISSION!
OH THANK YOU, ELLIPTICAL ONE!
KLINK!
2

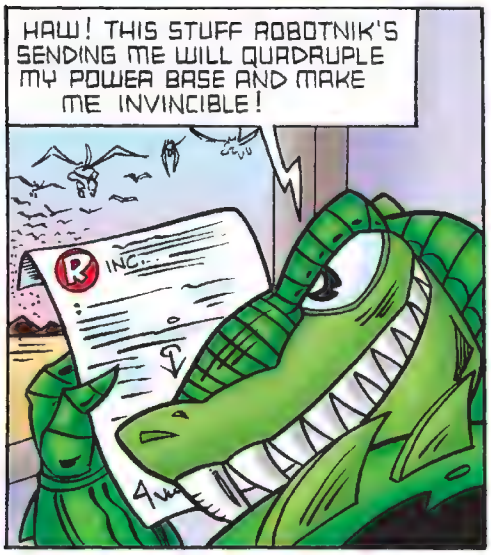

I SHALL CALL AHEAD WITH AN UPDATE... ROBOTROPOLIS TO DOWNUNDA...COME IN!

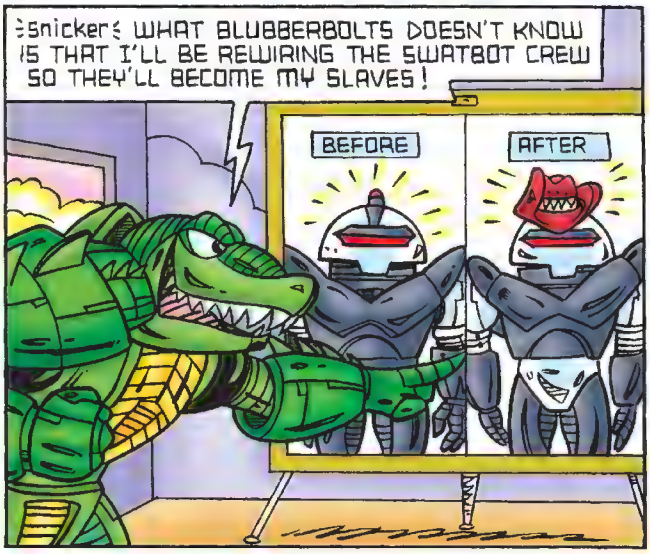

PRIORITY CALL FROM ROBOTNIK TO MY NEW UNDERBOSS... ARE YOU THERE?
I SURE AM! AND YOU CAN CALL ME BY MY PROPER NAME--
ROBOVISION

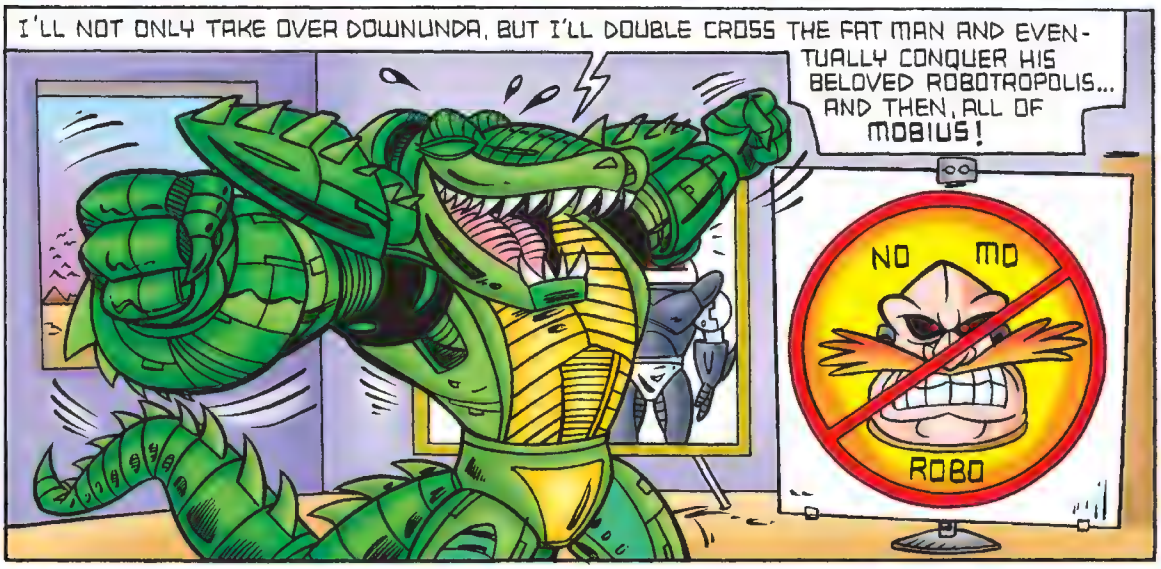

CROCBOT!
VERY WELL...YOUR SUPPLIES ARE ON THE WAY! SOON YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO CHANGE DOWNUNDA FROM A PRISTINE PARADISE TO A POLLUTED WASTELAND!
GLAD TO HEAR IT, MATE-- OVER AND OUT!


JUST TO ENSURE A SAFE DELIVERY, I'LL SEND THE *PACK* OUT TO MEET THE BLIMP!
HERE, ALPHA!
snawt!

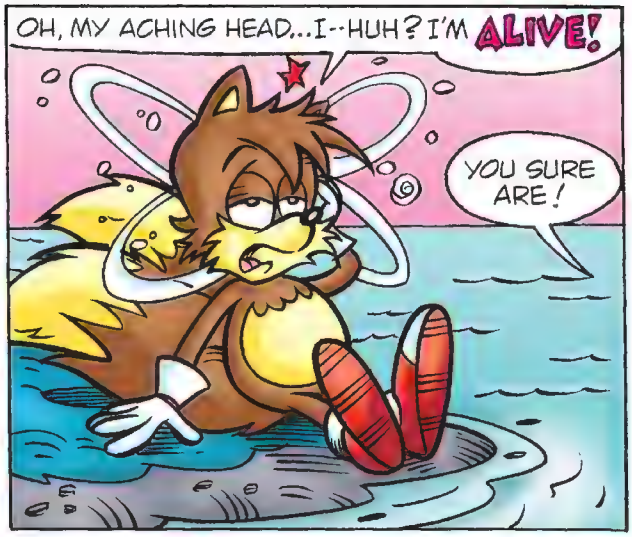

OFF YOU GO, MY LOYAL WING DINGOES! PATROL THE AIRSTRIP WHERE THE BLIMP WILL LAND! IF YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL-- EAT FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER!
growl!
Rrrrr...
woof!
drool...
snarl!

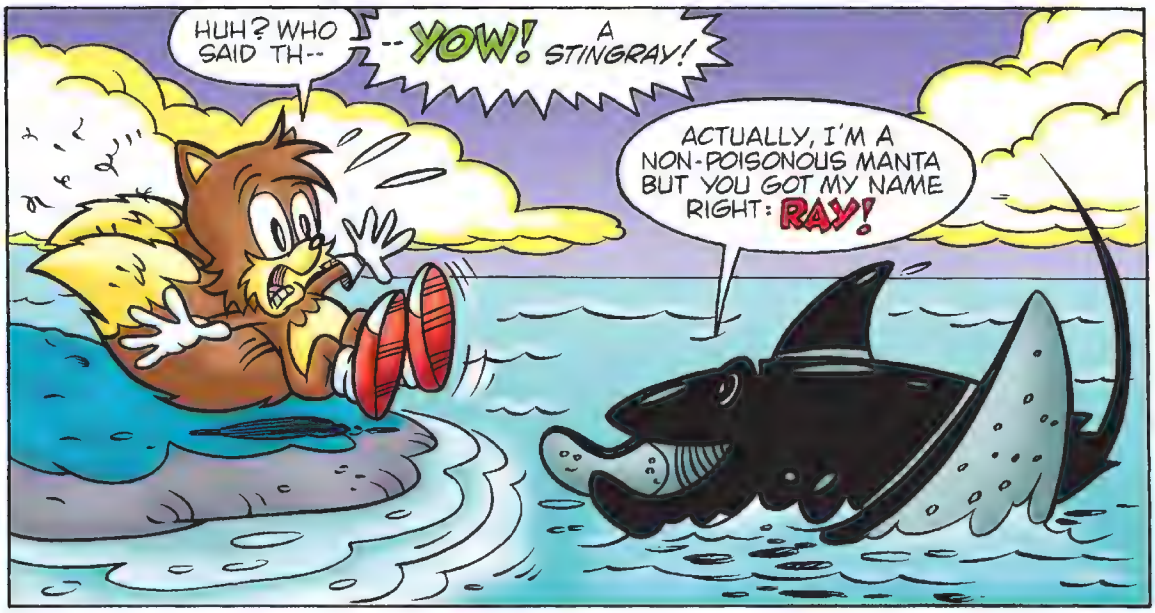

HAW! THIS STUFF ROBOTNIK'S SENDING ME WILL QUADRUPLE MY POWER BASE AND MAKE ME INVINCIBLE!
INC...

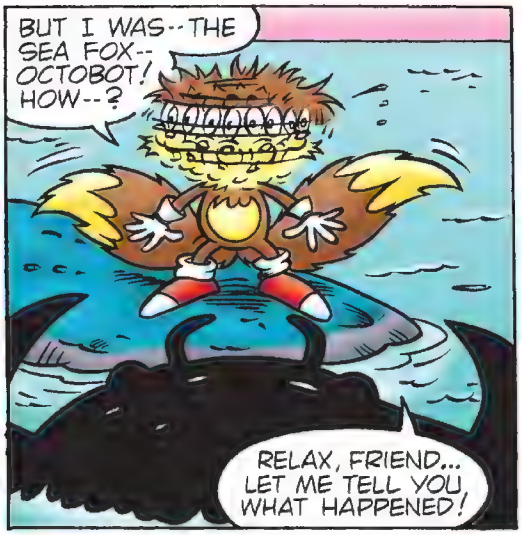

:snicker: WHAT BLUBBERBOLTS DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT I'LL BE REWIRING THE SWATBOT CREW SO THEY'LL BECOME MY SLAVES!
BEFORE
AFTER

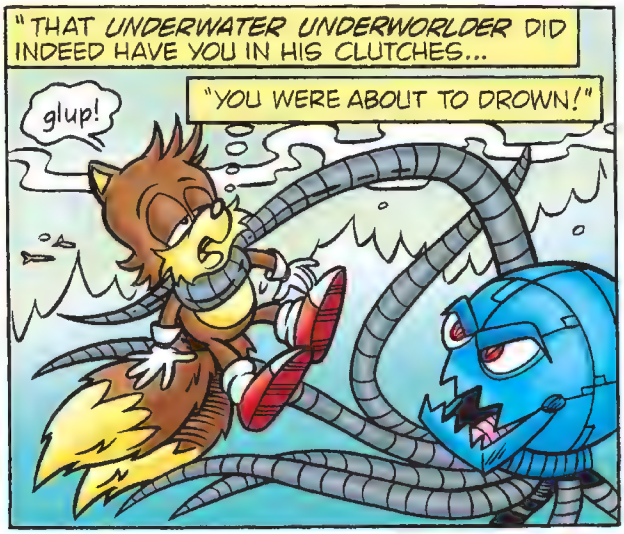

I'LL NOT ONLY TAKE OVER DOWNUNDA, BUT I'LL DOUBLE CROSS THE FAT MAN AND EVENTUALLY CONQUER HIS BELOVED ROBOTROPOLIS... AND THEN, ALL OF MOBIUS!
NO MO
ROBO

AT THAT MOMENT...
UHHNGH...


OH, MY ACHING HEAD...I--HUH? I'M ALIVE!
YOU SURE ARE!


HUH? WHO SAID TH--
--YOW! A STINGRAY!
ACTUALLY, I'M A NON-POISONOUS MANTA BUT YOU GOT MY NAME RIGHT: RAY!


BUT I WAS--THE SEA FOX--OCTOBOT! HOW--?
RELAX, FRIEND... LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED!


"THAT UNDERWATER UNDERWORLDER DID INDEED HAVE YOU IN HIS CLUTCHES...
"YOU WERE ABOUT TO DROWN!"
glup!

"BUT THE SEAS OF MOBIUS ARE NOT WITHOUT A DETERMINED BAND OF REBELS DEDICATED TO KEEPING OUR WATERS ROBO-FREE! WE'RE CALLED:

THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

THE P.I.A.* WAS RIGHT! OCTOBOT'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS!

CHARGE!

YEAH!

*PLANKTON INTELLIGENCE AGENCY-E.D.

TAKE THAT, EIGHT-BALL!

YIPE!

TILT!

BZZZT

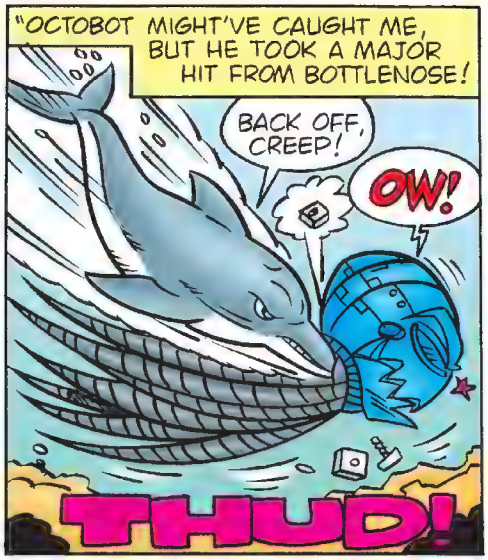
"OUR STINGING JELLYFISH NAMED 'P.B.' ZAPPED OCTOBOT GOOD, MAKING HIM DROP YOU--

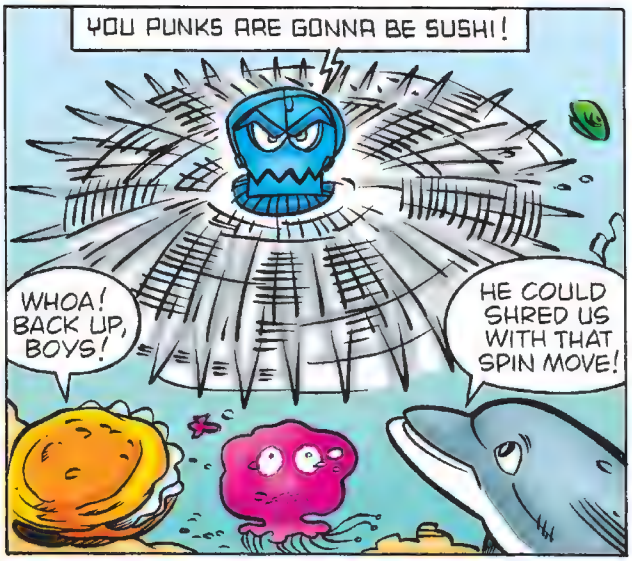
"--SO I COULD GET YOU BACK TO THE SURFACE!"

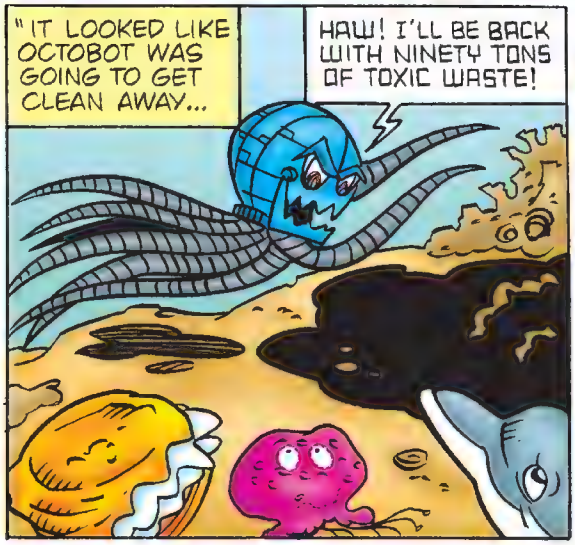
COME BACK WITH MY AIR-BREATHER!

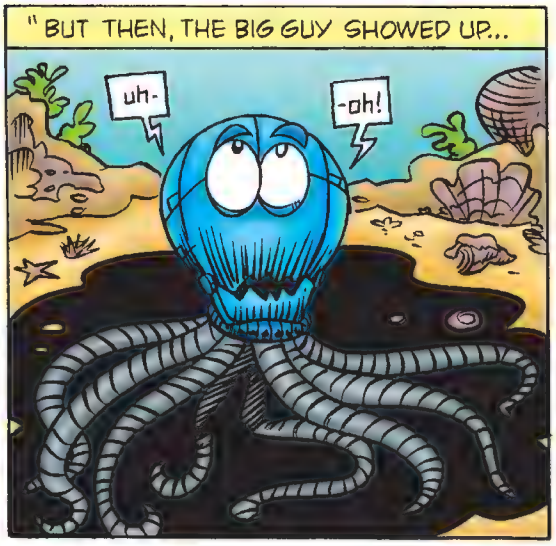
SOK!

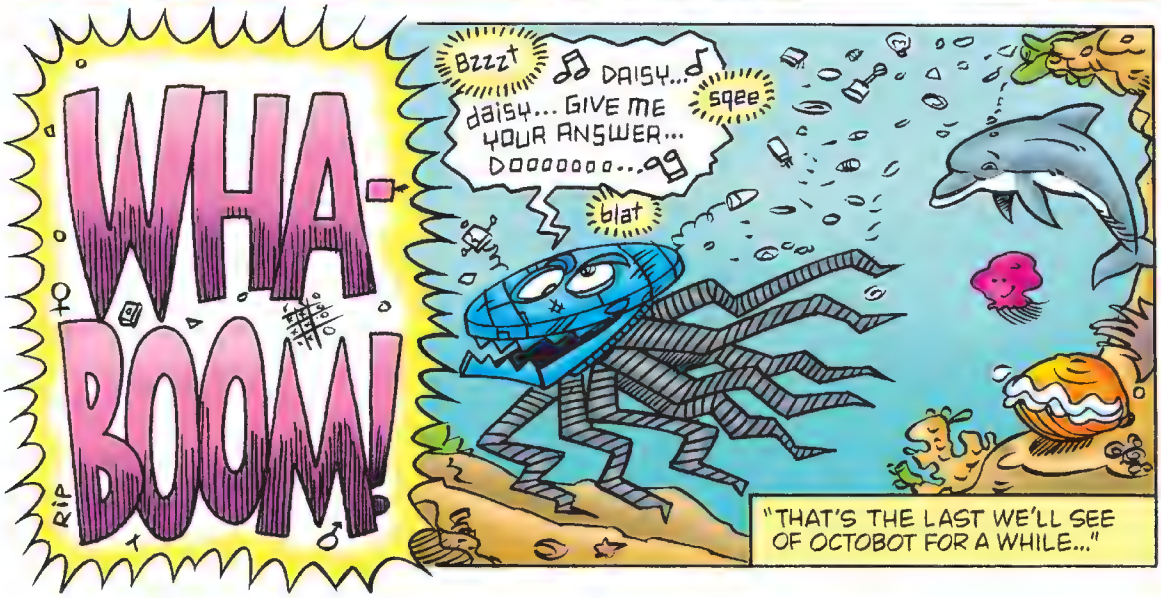
OOF!


"OCTOBOT MIGHT'VE CAUGHT ME, BUT HE TOOK A MAJOR HIT FROM BOTTLENOSE!
BACK OFF, CREEP!
OW!
THUD!


YOU PUNKS ARE GONNA BE SUSHI!
WHOA! BACK UP, BOYS!
HE COULD SHRED US WITH THAT SPIN MOVE!


"IT LOOKED LIKE OCTOBOT WAS GOING TO GET CLEAN AWAY...
HAW! I'LL BE BACK WITH NINETY TONS OF TOXIC WASTE!


"BUT THEN, THE BIG GUY SHOWED UP...
uh-
-oh!


WHA-BOOM!
RIP
Bzzzt
DAISY...
daisy... GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER... Doooooooo...
sqee
blat
"THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF OCTOBOT FOR A WHILE..."

"WHILE YOU WERE REVIVING TOPSIDE, WE CHECKED OUT YOUR SUBMARINE..."

IT'S TOTALLED!

WHAT? YOU MEAN I'M STUCK OUT HERE ON THIS LITTLE *ISLAND* IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?

WELL...NOT EXACTLY!

LOOK, I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL, BUT I'M ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO DOWNUNDA AND... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

JUST MAKING ROOM...

ROOM FOR WHA-WH-**WHOA!**

THE GROUND'S MOVING!

YOU'RE NOT SITTING ON *GROUND*, MY FRIEND--

CONTINUED AFTER ***"BEHIND THE SCENES"*** FEATURE...

TAKE AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF *MILES "TAILS" PROWER* IN VIDEO GAMES!

DEBUT

Tails first appeared on October 16, 1992 with the release of Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (8-bit version.)

TAILS ADVENTURE

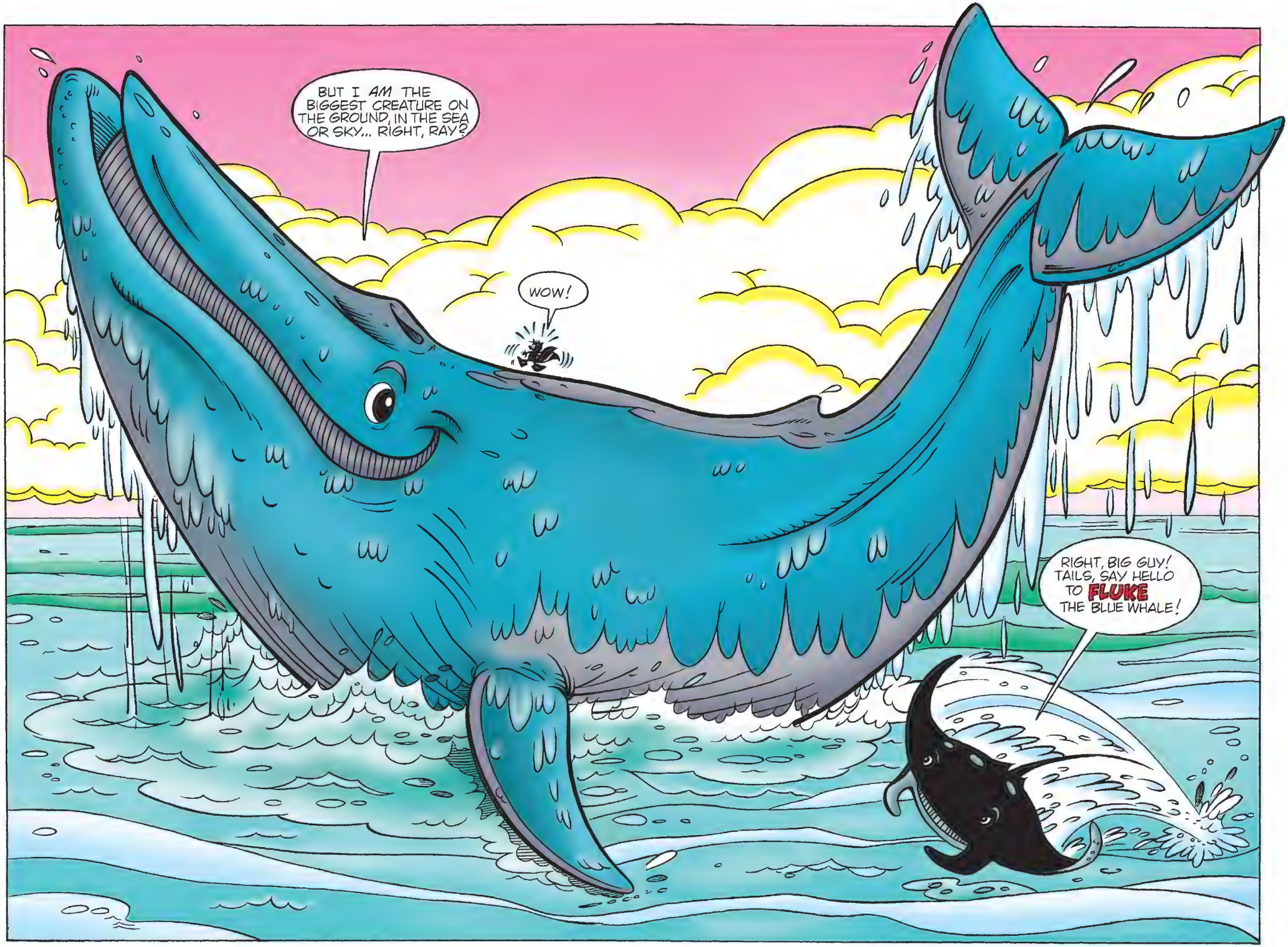
Tails Adventure was released in 1995 by Sega for the Sega Game Gear.

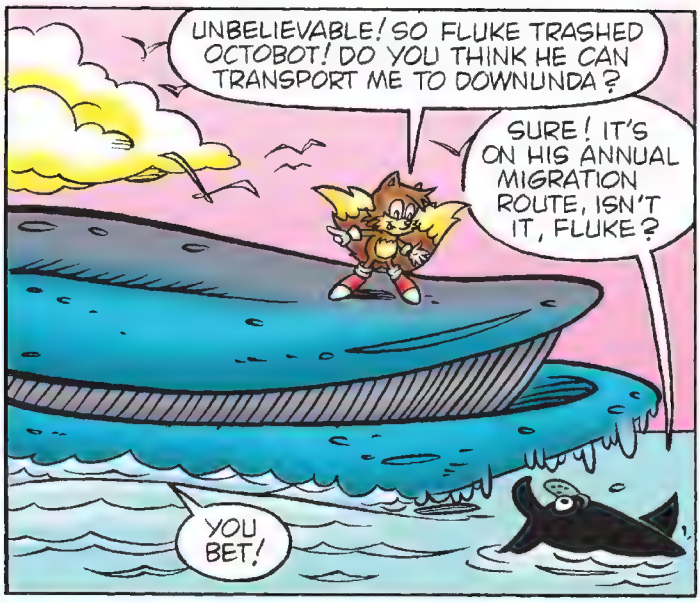
It is the third and most recent game to feature Tails without Sonic.

The games featuring Tails prior to this one were Tails and the Music Maker for Sega Pico and Tails' Skypatrol also for the Sega Game Gear.

SEA FOX

The Sea Fox is a multi-purpose submarine built by Tails. It is a major element of Tails Adventure.


BUT I AM THE BIGGEST CREATURE ON THE GROUND, IN THE SEA OR SKY... RIGHT, RAY?
WOW!
RIGHT, BIG GUY! TAILS, SAY HELLO TO FLUKE THE BLUE WHALE!



SOUNDS GOOD... LET'S GO!

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A *TAIL!*

KABOOSH!

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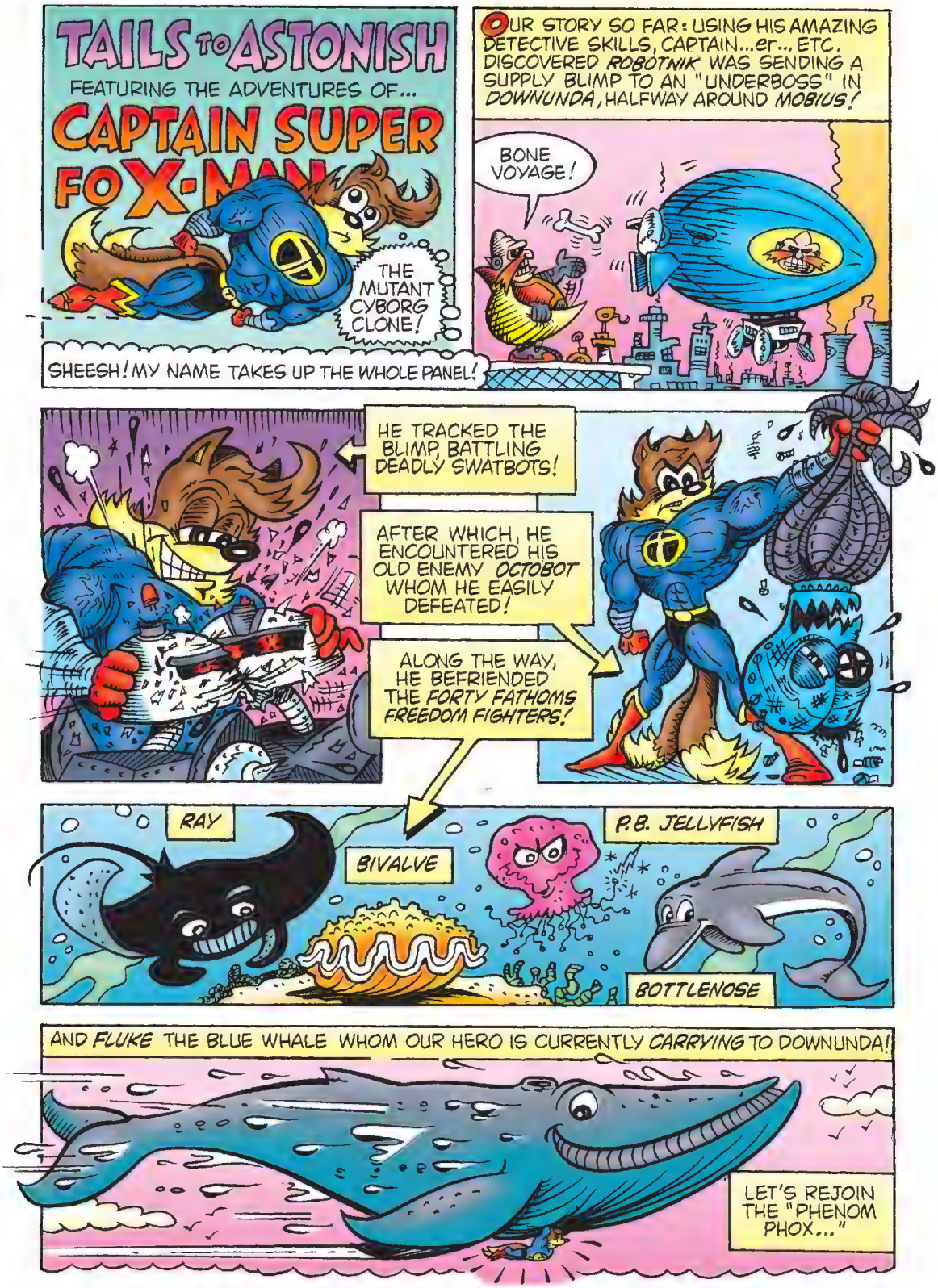
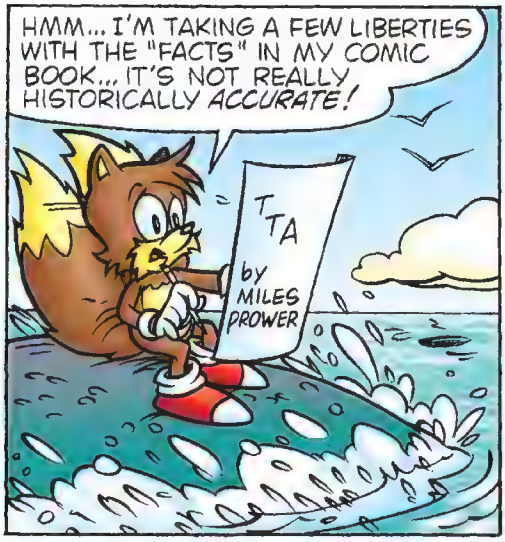
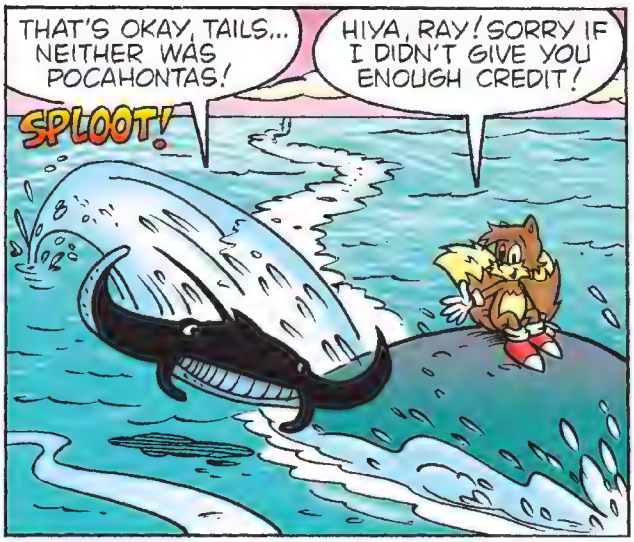
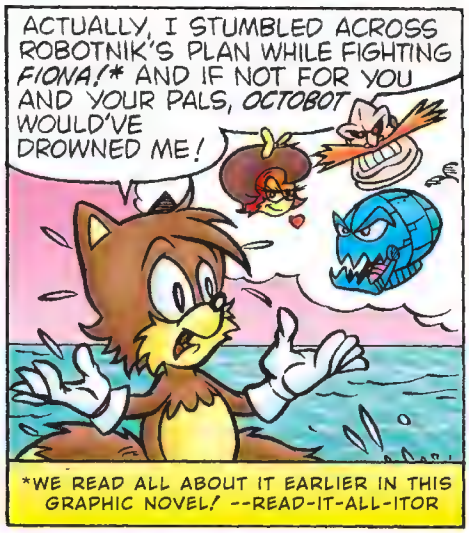
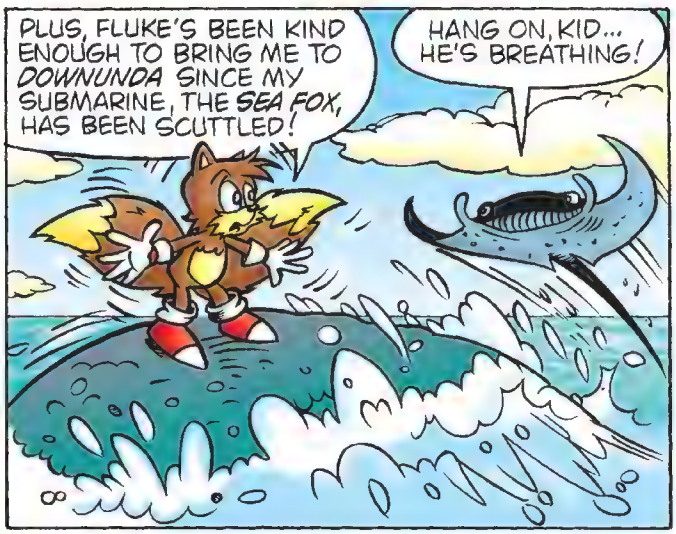
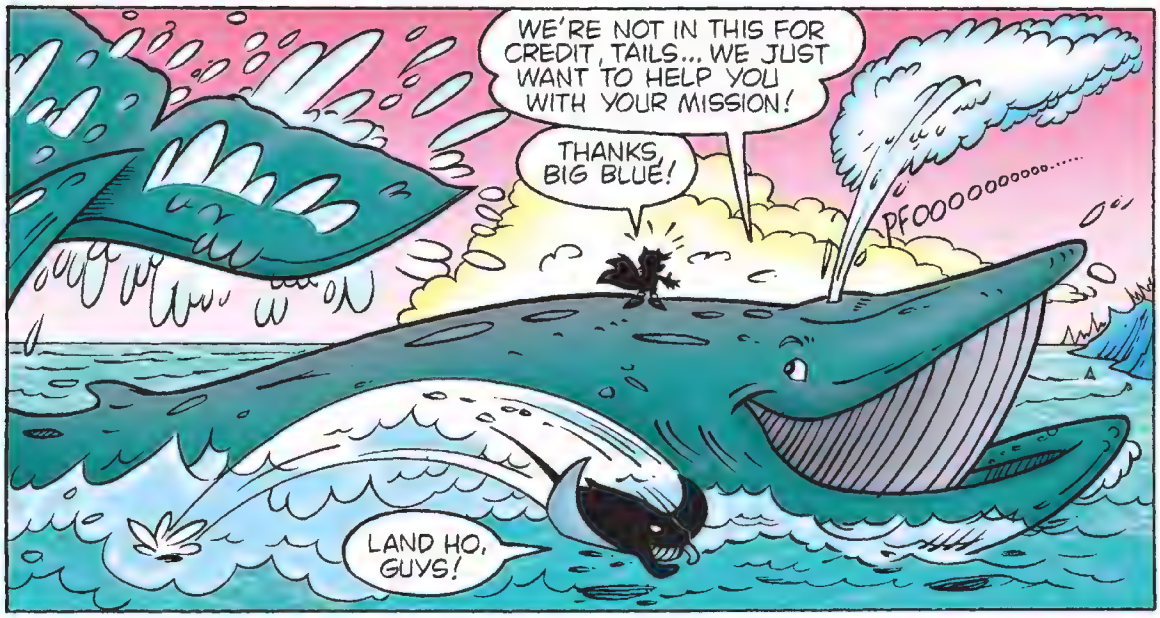

TAILS TO ASTONISH
FEATURING THE ADVENTURES OF...
CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN
THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!
SHEESH! MY NAME TAKES UP THE WHOLE PANEL!
OUR STORY SO FAR: USING HIS AMAZING DETECTIVE SKILLS, CAPTAIN...er... ETC. DISCOVERED ROBOTNIK WAS SENDING A SUPPLY BLIMP TO AN "UNDERBOSS" IN DOWNUNDA, HALFWAY AROUND MOBIUS!
BONE VOYAGE!
HE TRACKED THE BLIMP, BATTLING DEADLY SWATBOTS!
AFTER WHICH, HE ENCOUNTERED HIS OLD ENEMY OCTOBOT WHOM HE EASILY DEFEATED!
ALONG THE WAY, HE BEFRIENDED THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
RAY
BIVALVE
P.B. JELLYFISH
BOTTLENOSE
AND FLUKE THE BLUE WHALE WHOM OUR HERO IS CURRENTLY CARRYING TO DOWNUNDA!
LET'S REJOIN THE "PHENOM PHOX..."

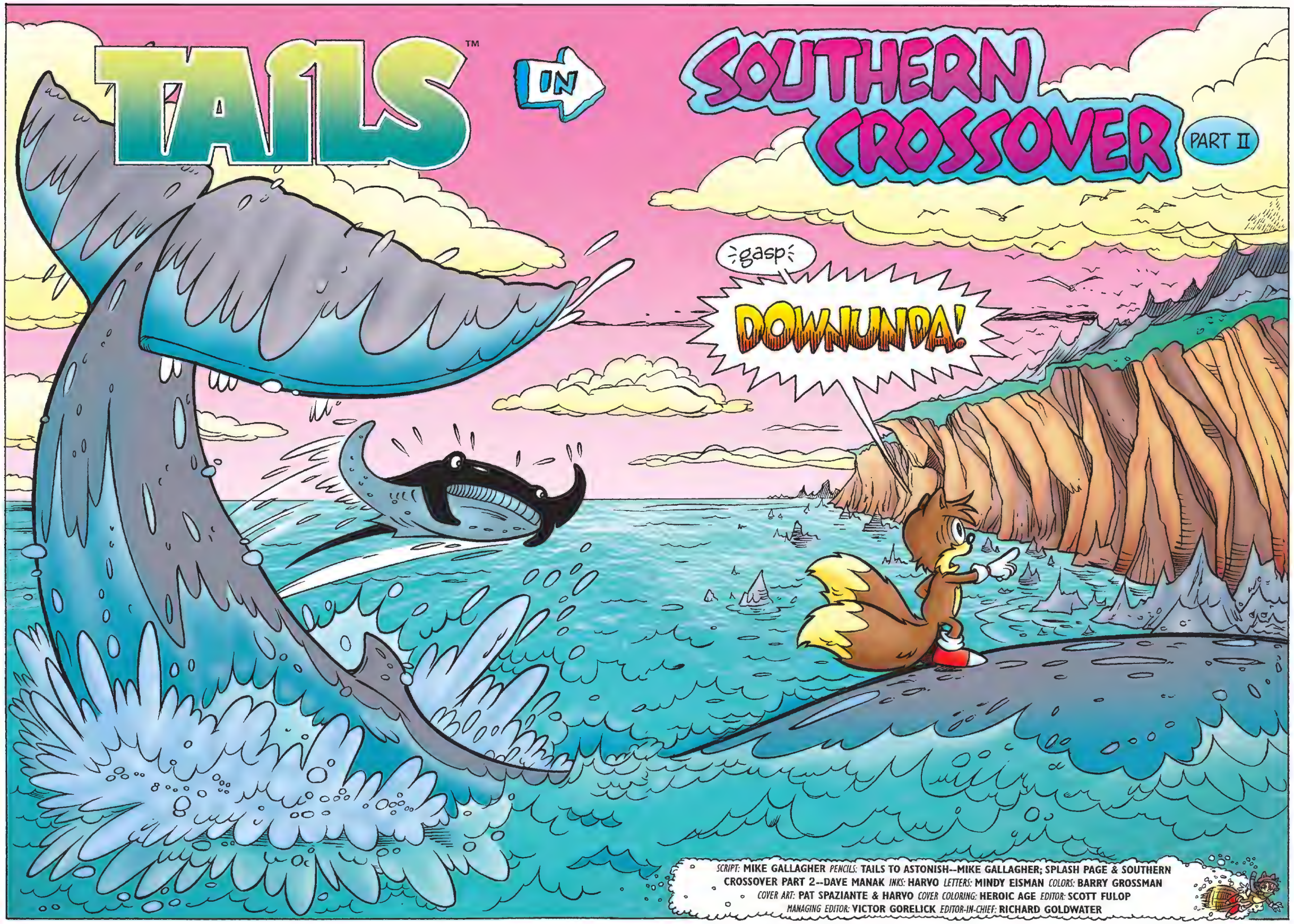

HMM... I'M TAKING A FEW LIBERTIES WITH THE "FACTS" IN MY COMIC BOOK... IT'S NOT REALLY HISTORICALLY *ACCURATE!*
TTA
by MILES PROWER


THAT'S OKAY, TAILS... NEITHER WAS POCAHONTAS!
HIYA, RAY! SORRY IF I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ENOUGH CREDIT!
SPLOOT!


ACTUALLY, I STUMBLED ACROSS ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WHILE FIGHTING *FIONA!** AND IF NOT FOR YOU AND YOUR PALS, *OCTOBOT* WOULD'VE DROWNED ME!
*WE READ ALL ABOUT IT EARLIER IN THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL! --READ-IT-ALL-ITOR


PLUS, FLUKE'S BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO BRING ME TO *DOWNUNDA* SINCE MY SUBMARINE, THE *SEA FOX*, HAS BEEN SCUTTLED!
HANG ON, KID... HE'S BREATHING!


WE'RE NOT IN THIS FOR CREDIT, TAILS... WE JUST WANT TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR MISSION!
THANKS, BIG BLUE!
PFOOOOOOOOOO.....
LAND HO, GUYS!


TAILS™ IN SOUTHERN CROSSOVER
PART II
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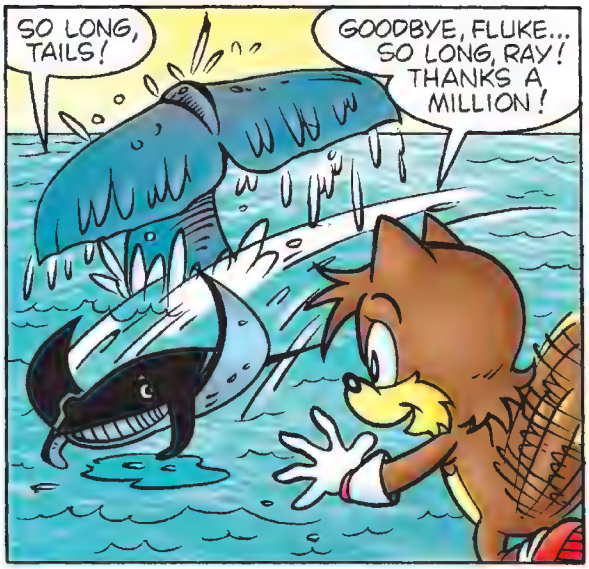
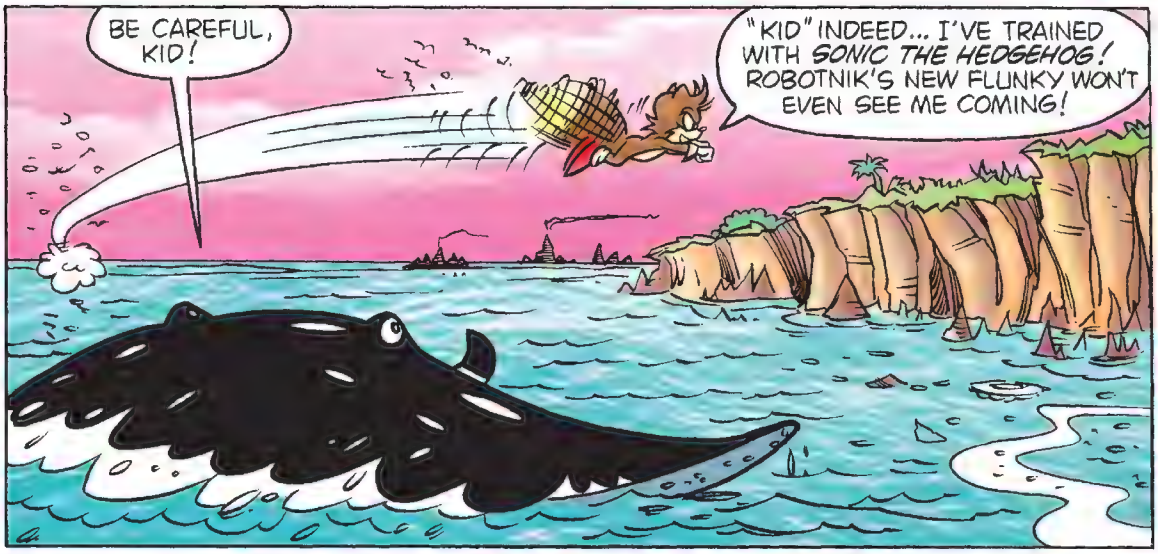
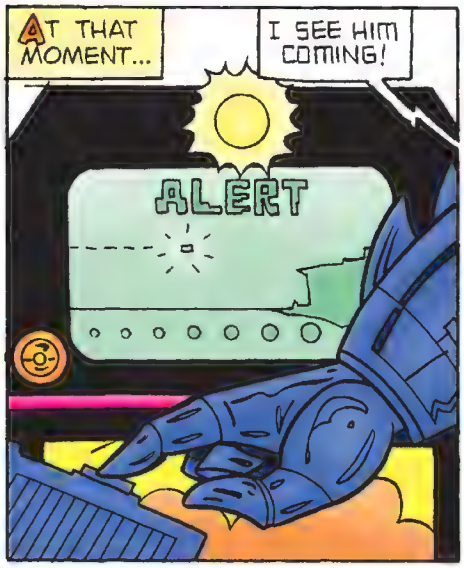
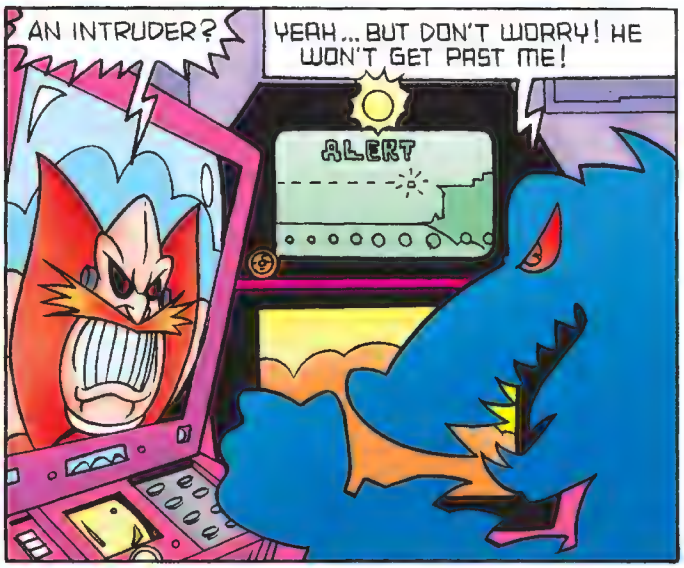
DOWNUNDA!
SCRIPT: MIKE GALLAGHER PENCILS: TAILS TO ASTONISH--MIKE GALLAGHER; SPLASH PAGE & SOUTHERN CROSSOVER PART 2--DAVE MANAK INKS: HARVO LETTERS: MINDY EISMAN COLORS: BARRY GROSSMAN
COVER ART: PAT SPAZIANTE & HARVO COVER COLORING: HEROIC AGE EDITOR: SCOTT FULOP
MANAGING EDITOR: VICTOR GORELICK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: RICHARD GOLDWATER

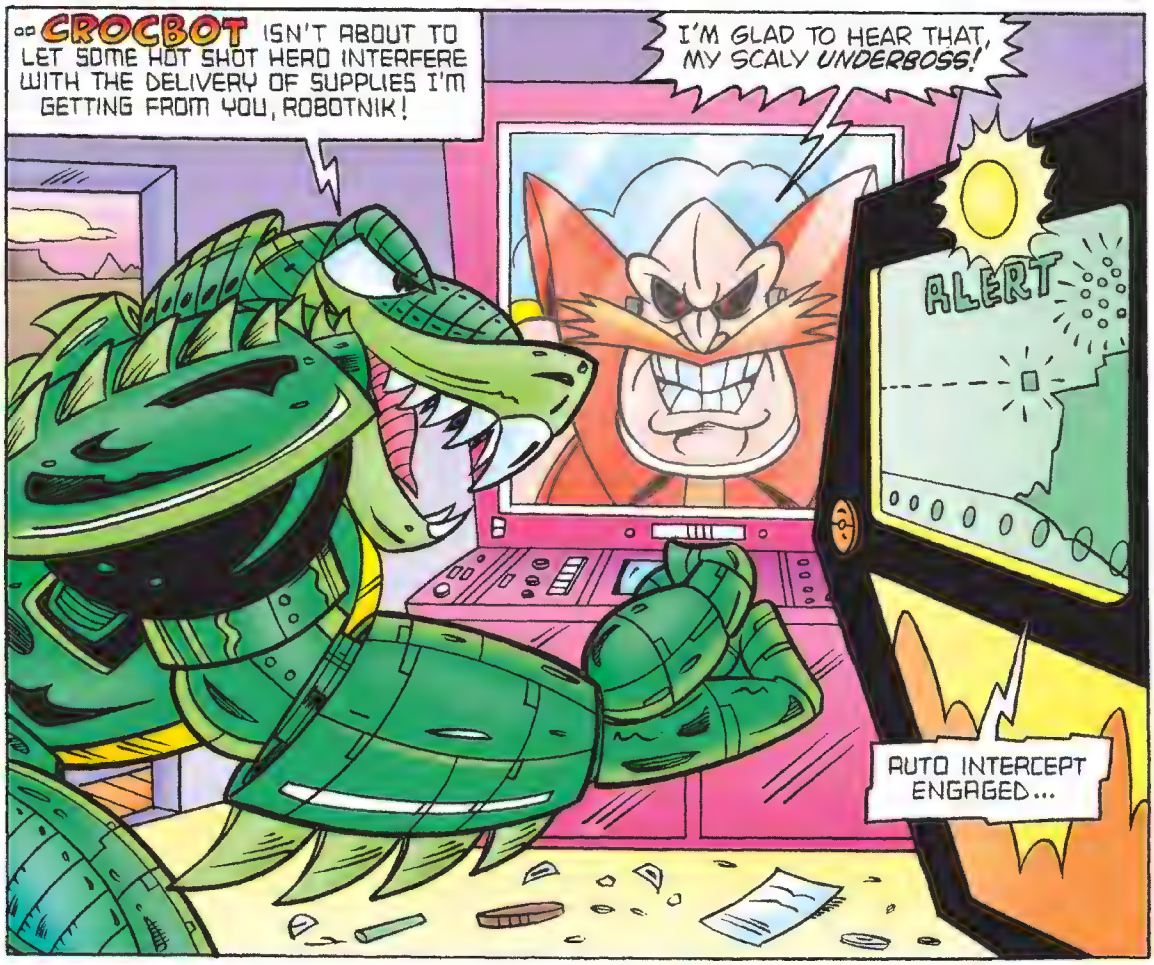
THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I CAN GET... THE WATER'S TOO SHALLOW!
NO PROBLEM!

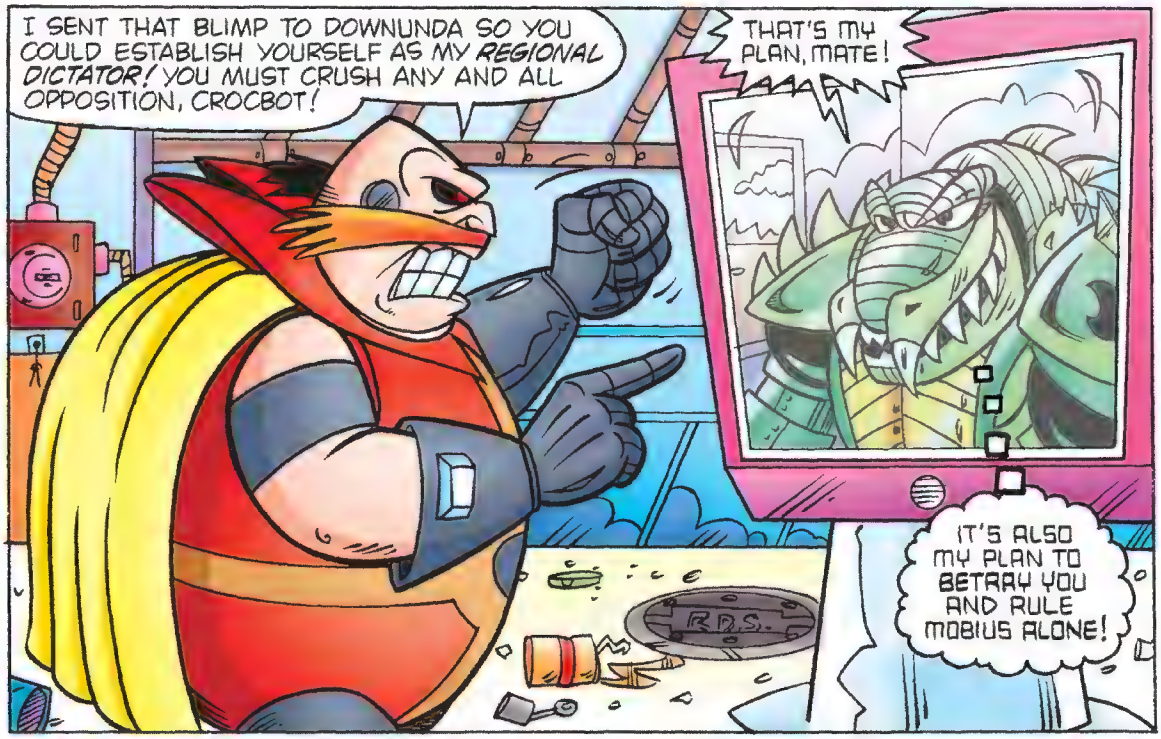

SO LONG, TAILS!
GOODBYE, FLUKE... SO LONG, RAY! THANKS A MILLION!


BE CAREFUL, KID!
"KID" INDEED... I'VE TRAINED WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! ROBOTNIK'S NEW FLUNKY WON'T EVEN SEE ME COMING!


AT THAT MOMENT...
I SEE HIM COMING!
ALERT


AN INTRUDER?
YEAH... BUT DON'T WORRY! HE WON'T GET PAST ME!
ALERT


CROCBOT ISN'T ABOUT TO LET SOME HOT SHOT HERO INTERFERE WITH THE DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES I'M GETTING FROM YOU, ROBOTNIK!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, MY SCALY UNDERBOSS!
ALERT
AUTO INTERCEPT ENGAGED...


I SENT THAT BLIMP TO DOWNUNDA SO YOU COULD ESTABLISH YOURSELF AS MY REGIONAL DICTATOR! YOU MUST CRUSH ANY AND ALL OPPOSITION, CROCBOT!
THAT'S MY PLAN, MATE!
IT'S ALSO MY PLAN TO BETRAY YOU AND RULE MOBIUS ALONE!
R.D.S.

CHILL OUT, CHUBB! MY SQUAD OF MECHANICAL WING DINGOES ARE ABOUT TO TAKE HIM DOWN!

EXCELLENT! I'D SAY "YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART" EXCEPT YOU'RE NOT A *MAN* AND I HAVE *NO HEART!*

snarl!

Rrrr...

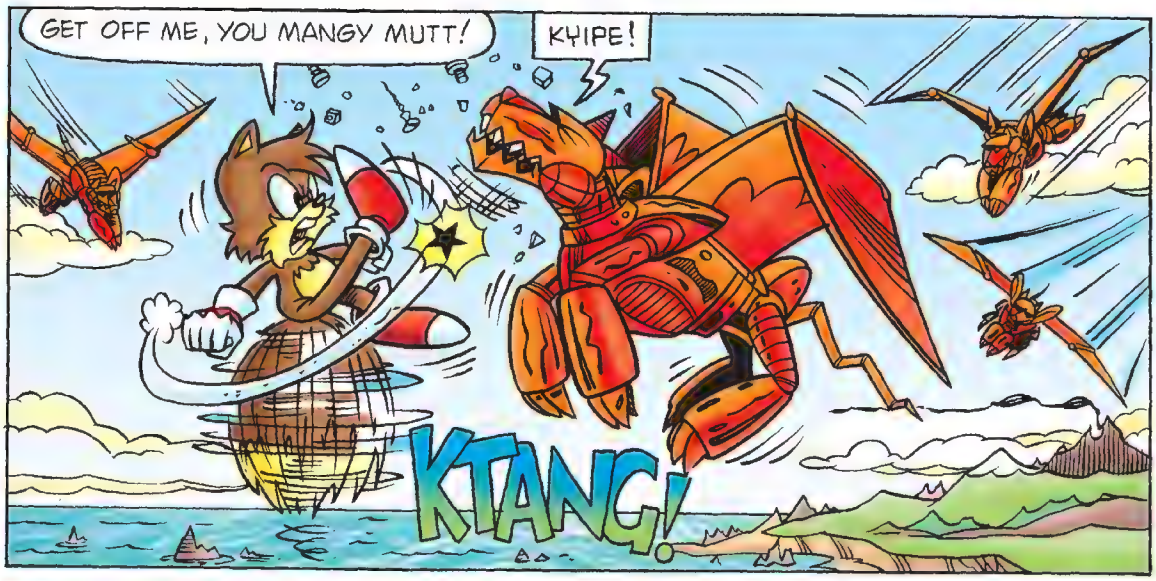
growl...

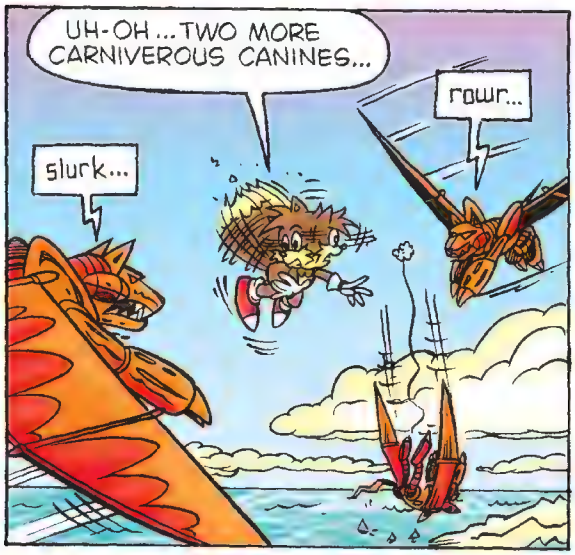
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO PROVE MYSELF TO SONIC, SALLY, ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS! SO SAYS--

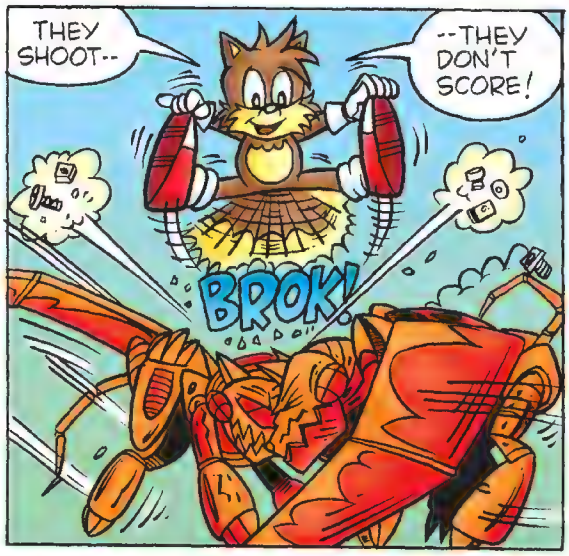
--CAPTAIN SUPER FOX- MAAAAAAGH!

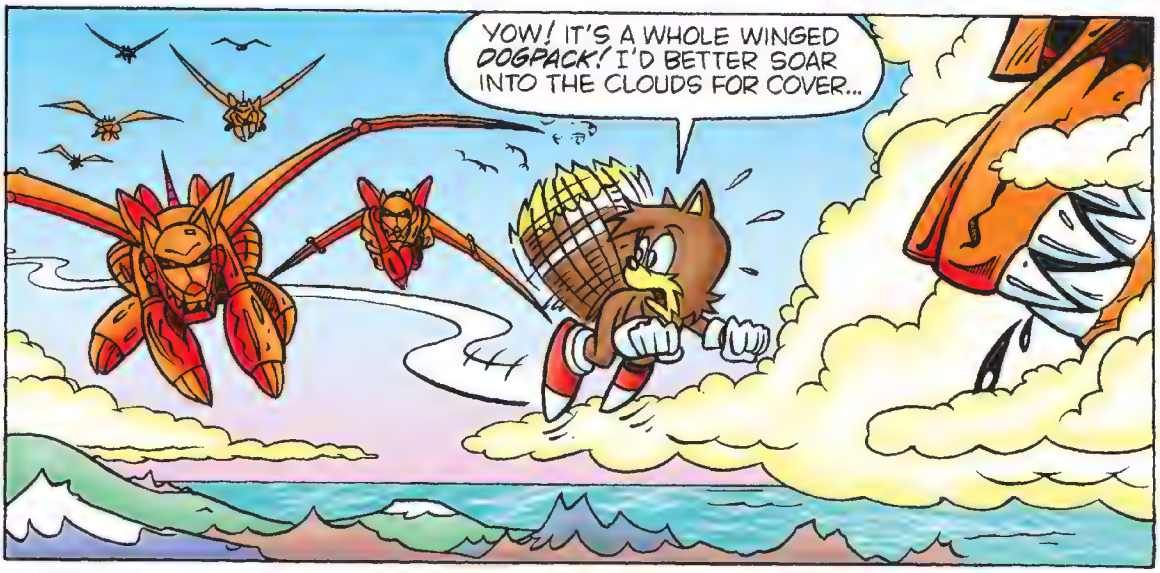
snarl!

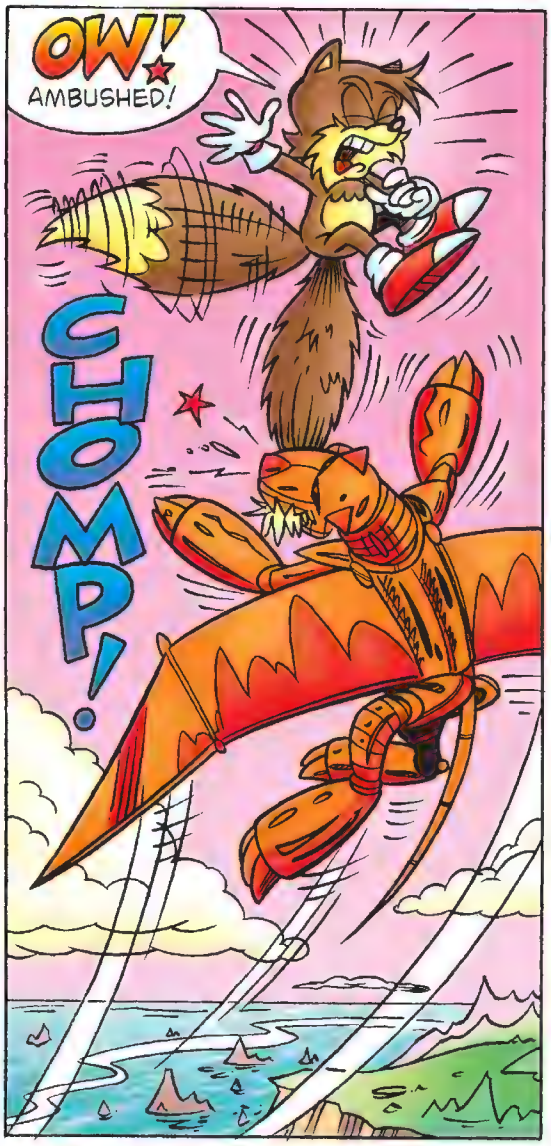
WHUMP!

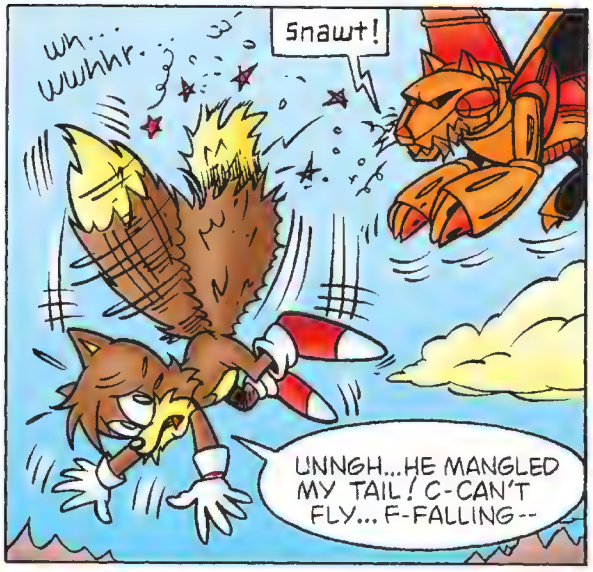

GET OFF ME, YOU MANGY MUTT!
KYIPE!
KTANG!

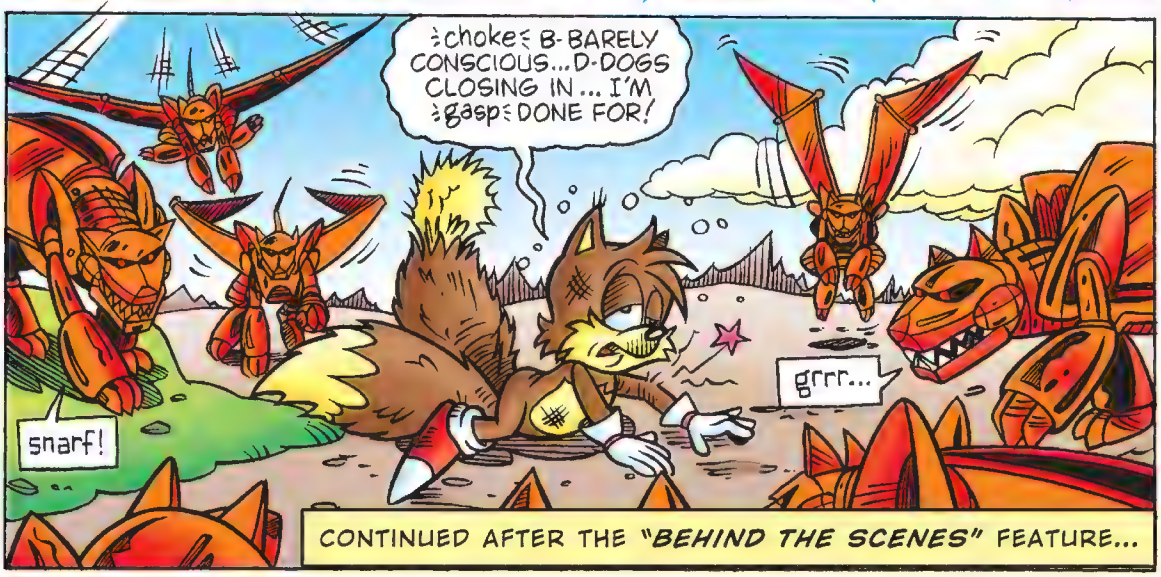

UH-OH ...TWO MORE CARNIVEROUS CANINES...
slurk...
rowr...


THEY SHOOT--
--THEY DON'T SCORE!
BROK!


YOW! IT'S A WHOLE WINGED *DOGPACK!* I'D BETTER SOAR INTO THE CLOUDS FOR COVER...







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SONIC ADVENTURE

Sonic Adventure was orginally released for the Dreamcast in Japan in 1998.

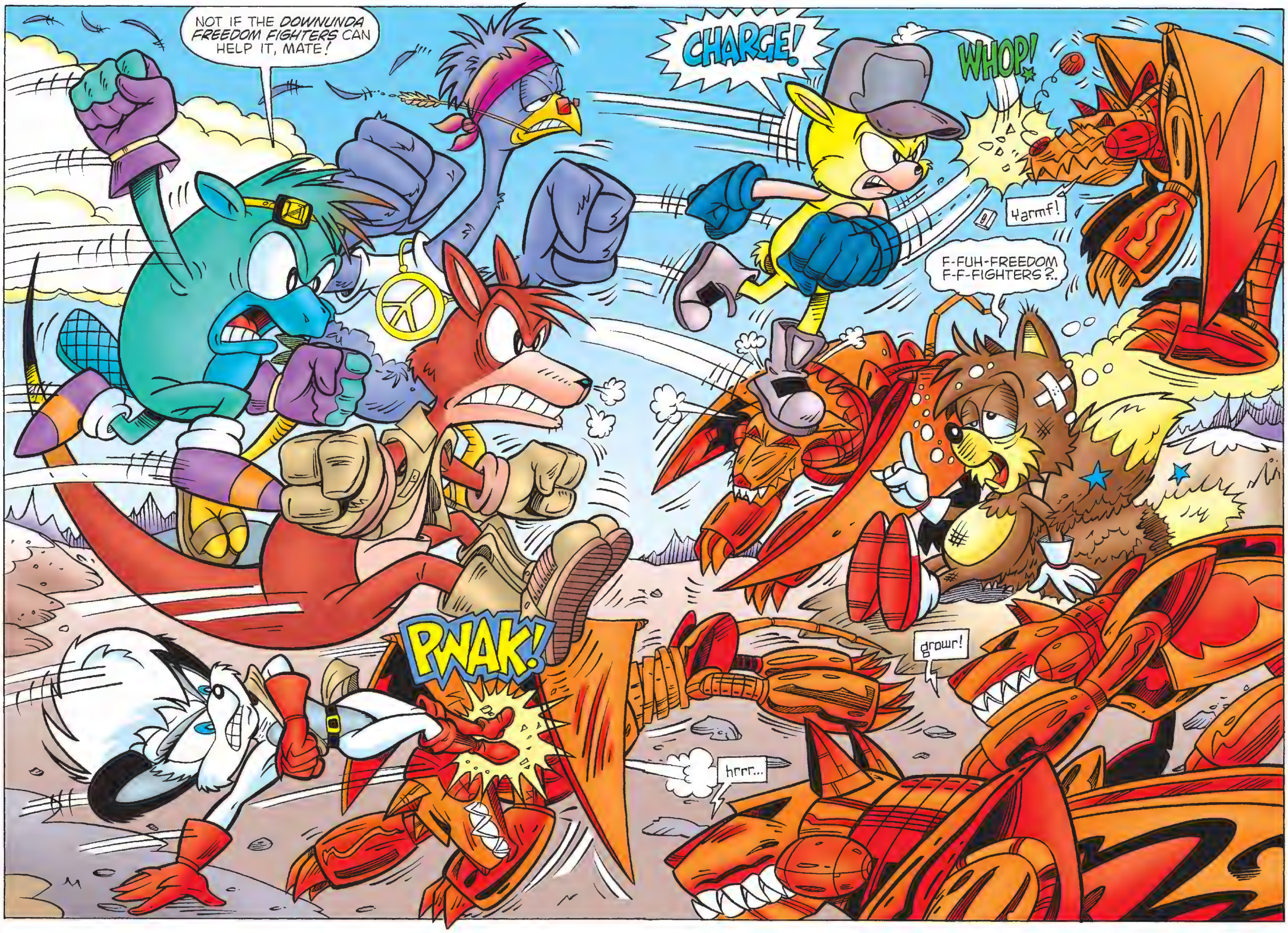
Sonic's best friend Tails is 1 out of 6 playable characters. He is recruited by Sonic to help stop Dr. Robotnik.

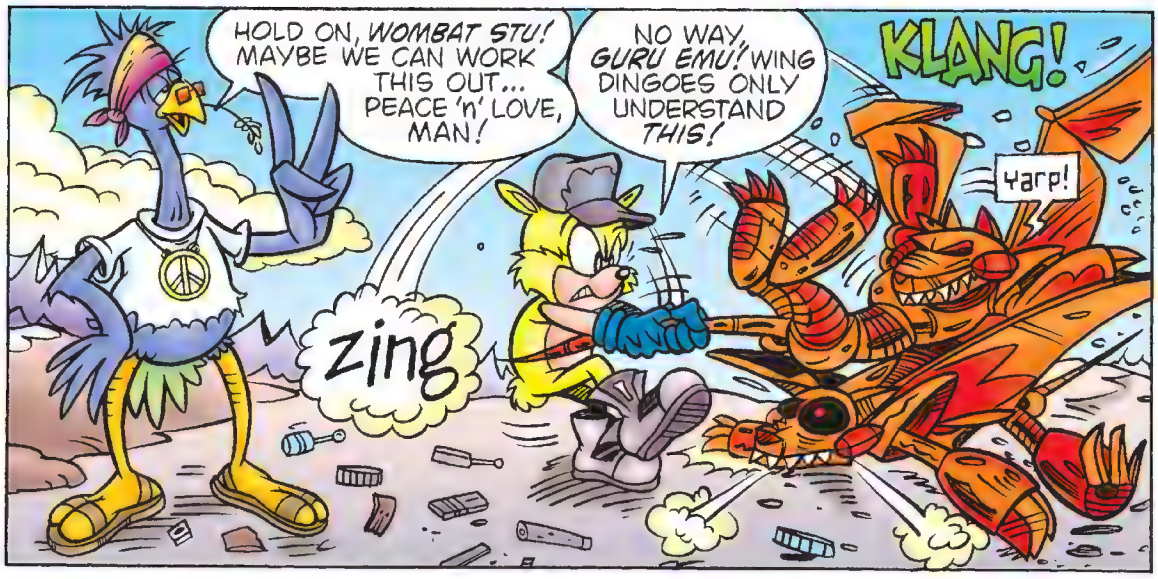
SONIC HEROES

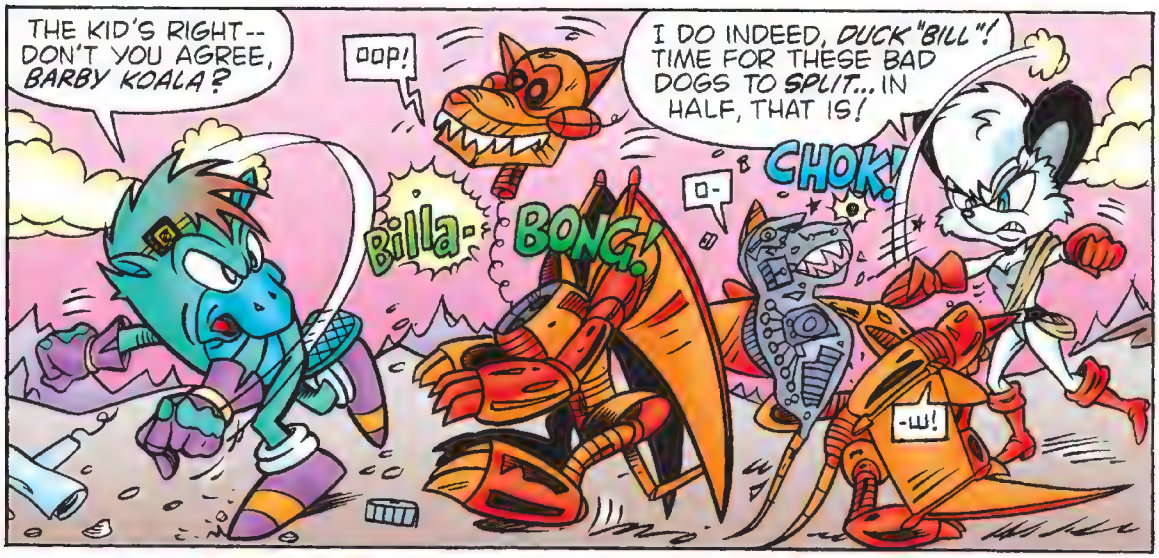
Sonic Heroes was first released in Japan in 2003.

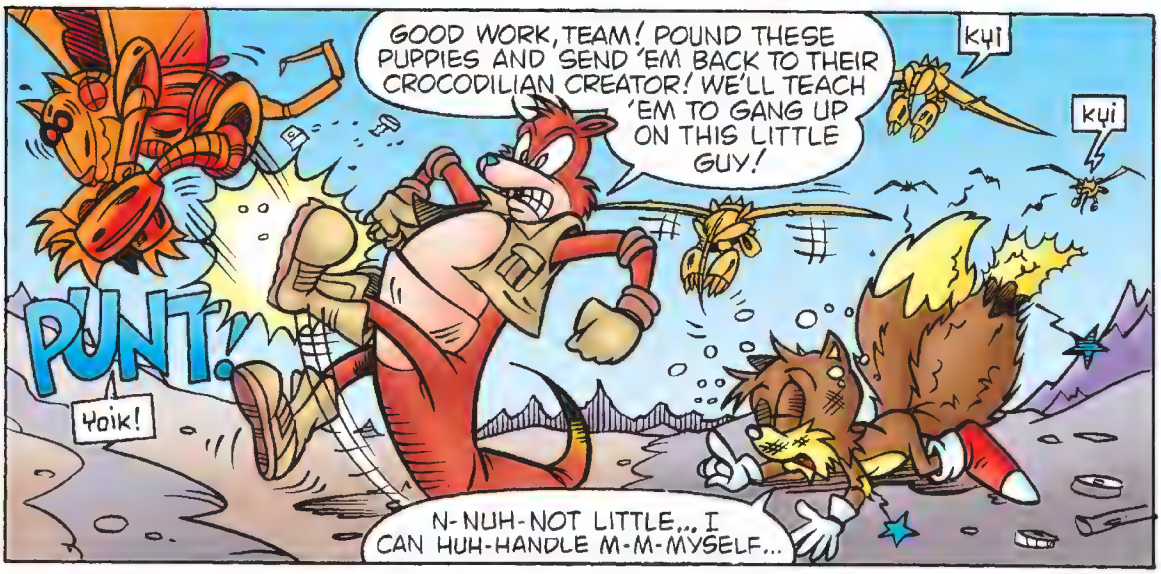
Tails often has the role of flying other characters around.

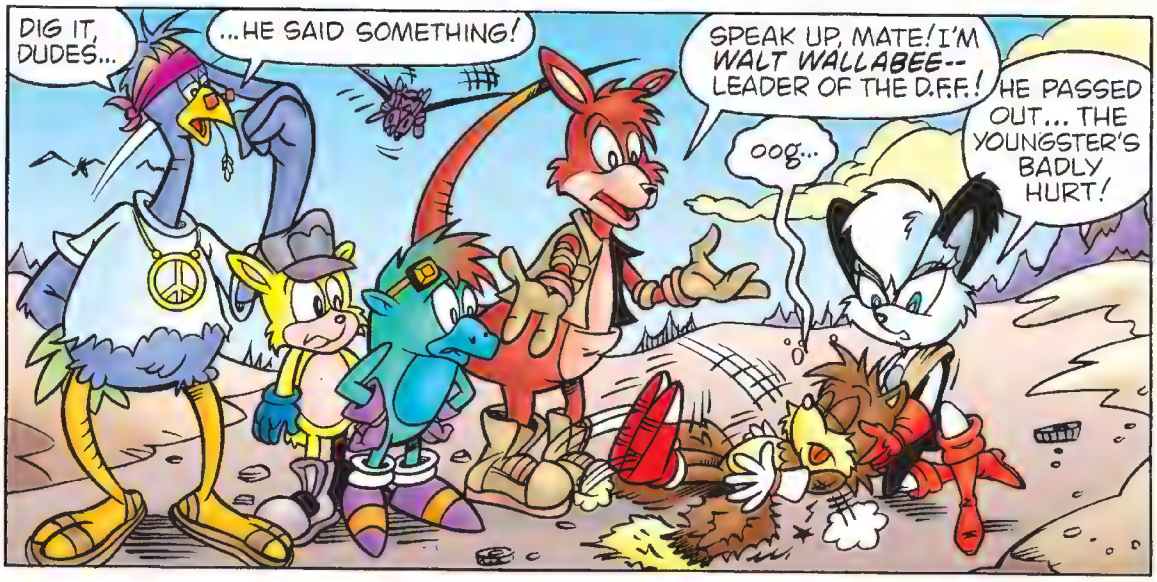
In Sonic Heroes, Tails is on Team Sonic as their flight-type character. He's able to carry both Sonic and Knuckles.

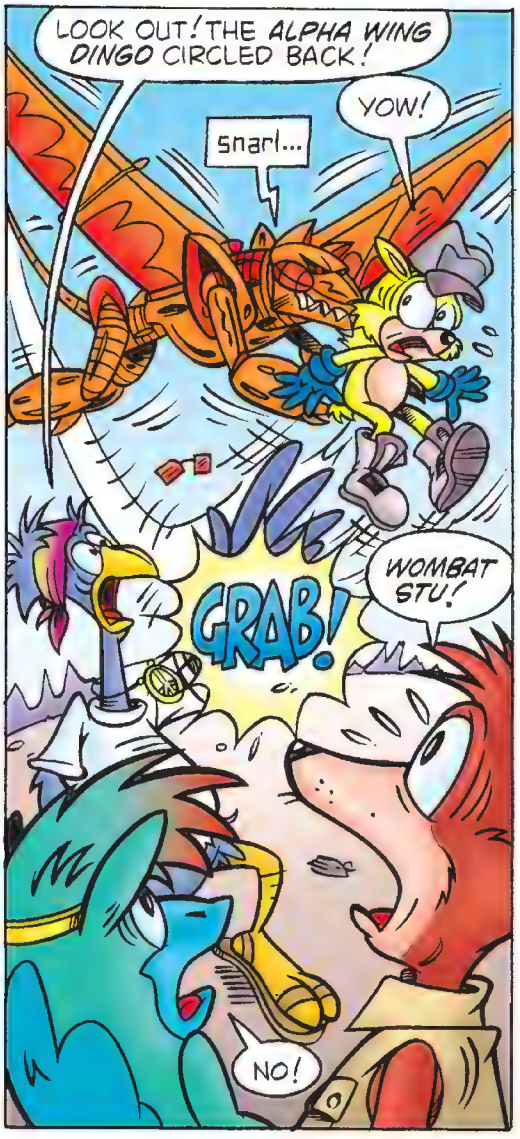

NOT IF THE *DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS* CAN HELP IT, MATE!
CHARGE!
WHOP!
Yarmf!
F-FUH-FREEDOM F-F-FIGHTERS?..
PWAK!
growr!
hrrr...

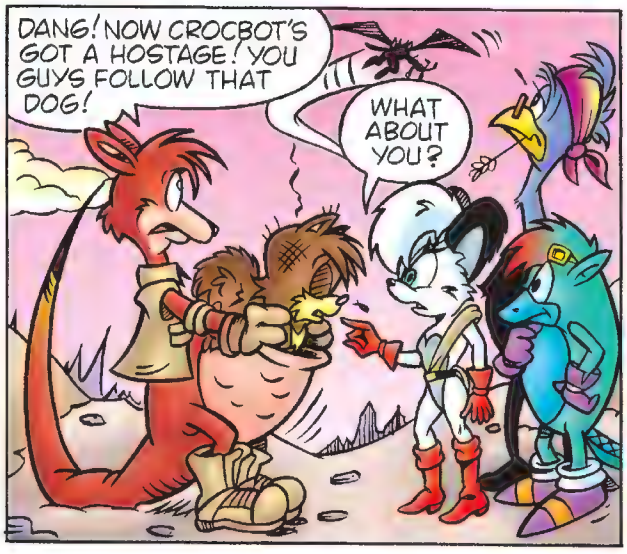

HOLD ON, WOMBAT STU! MAYBE WE CAN WORK THIS OUT... PEACE 'n' LOVE, MAN!
NO WAY, GURU EMU! WING DINGOES ONLY UNDERSTAND THIS!
KLANG!
yarp!
zing

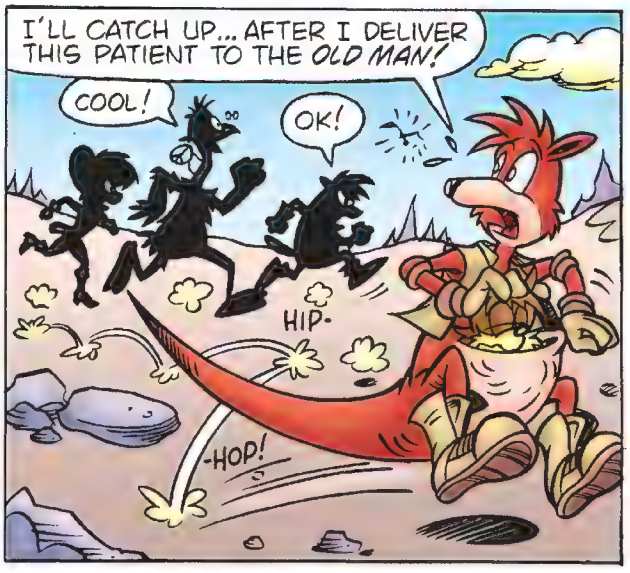

THE KID'S RIGHT-- DON'T YOU AGREE, BARBY KOALA?
oop!
I DO INDEED, DUCK "BILL"! TIME FOR THESE BAD DOGS TO SPLIT... IN HALF, THAT IS!
Billa-
BONG!
o-
CHOK!
-ш!


GOOD WORK, TEAM! POUND THESE PUPPIES AND SEND 'EM BACK TO THEIR CROCODILIAN CREATOR! WE'LL TEACH 'EM TO GANG UP ON THIS LITTLE GUY!
kyi
kyi
PUNT!
yoik!
N-NUH-NOT LITTLE... I CAN HUH-HANDLE M-M-MYSELF...


DIG IT, DUDES...
...HE SAID SOMETHING!
SPEAK UP, MATE! I'M WALT WALLABEE-- LEADER OF THE D.F.F.!
oog...
HE PASSED OUT... THE YOUNGSTER'S BADLY HURT!


LOOK OUT! THE ALPHA WING DINGO CIRCLED BACK!
YOW!
snarl...
GRAB!
WOMBAT STU!
NO!


DANG! NOW CROCBOT'S GOT A HOSTAGE! YOU GUYS FOLLOW THAT DOG!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?


I'LL CATCH UP... AFTER I DELIVER THIS PATIENT TO THE OLD MAN!
COOL!
OK!
HIP-
-HOP!

JUST THEN:

CROCBOT! THE SUPPLY BLIMP IS ABOUT TO MAKE LANDFALL! HAVE YOU DEALT WITH THE INTRUDER?

YOU BETCHER TRIPLE CHINS I HAVE! HERE COME MY WING DINGOES... er ... WELL, *SOME* OF THEM...

K-THUNK!

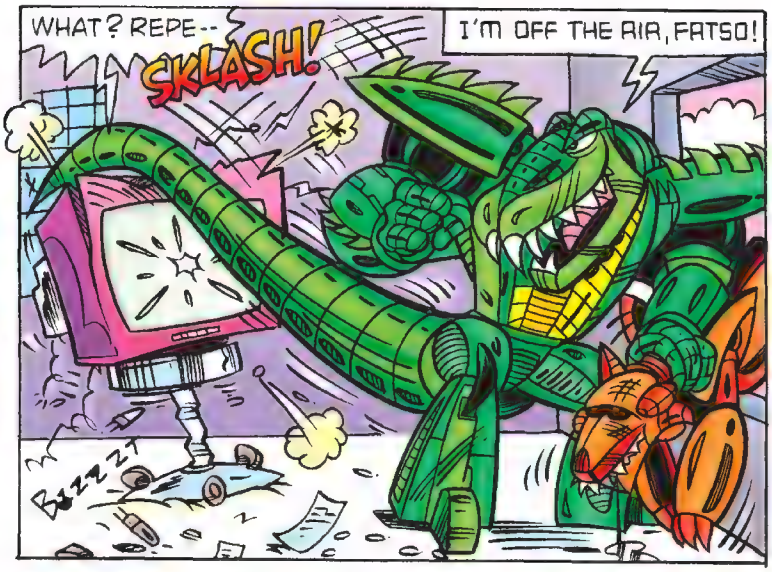
WHAT TH--?!

whimper...

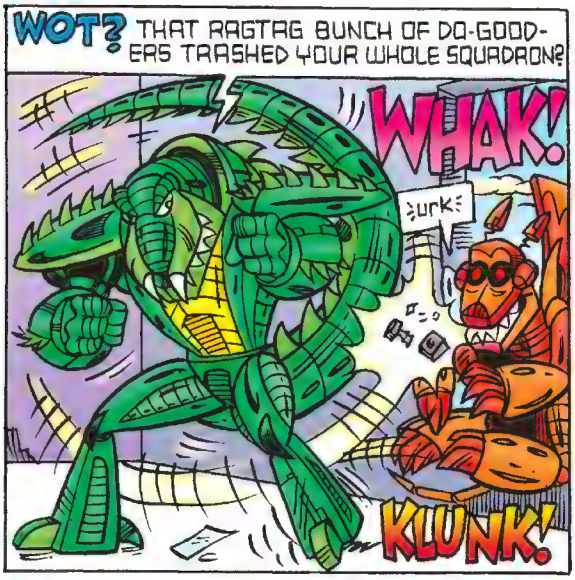
KLANK!

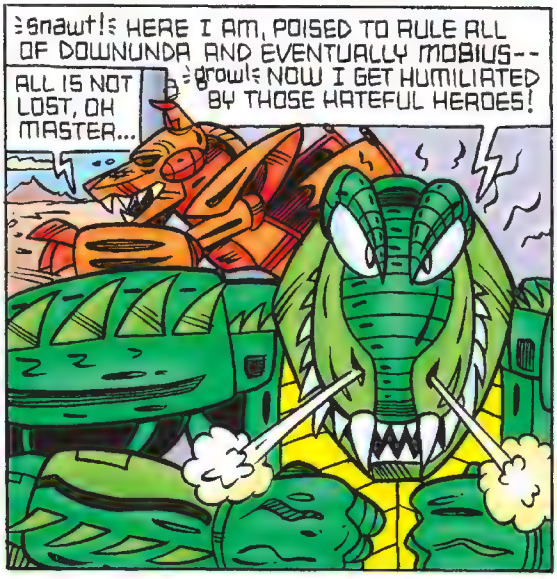
WHAT'S GOING ON? I CAN'T SEE! GET OUT OF THE WAY, CROCBOT!

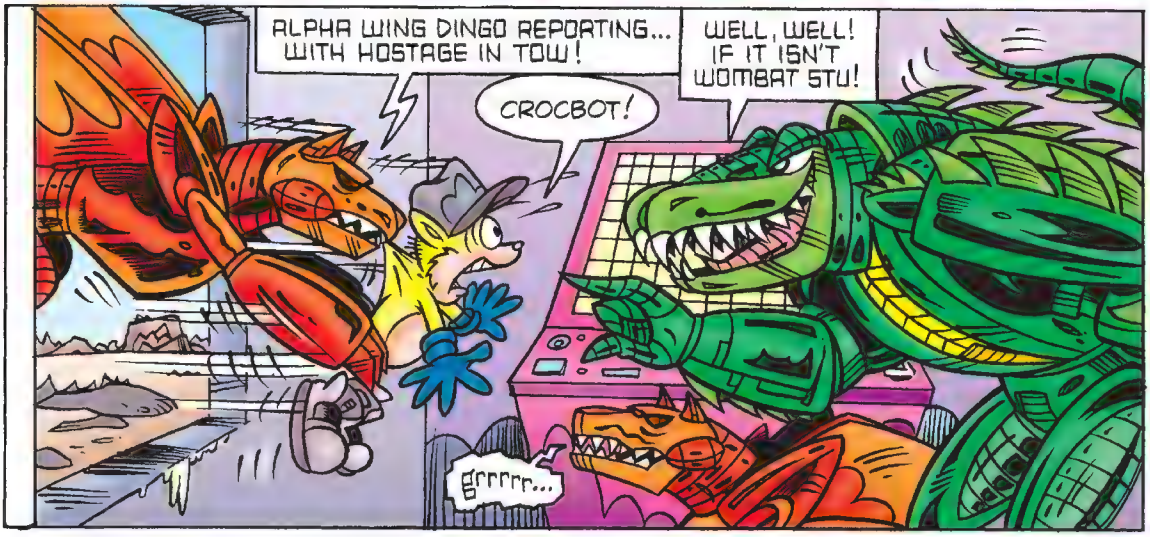
:ulp: I'M...UM... EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY!

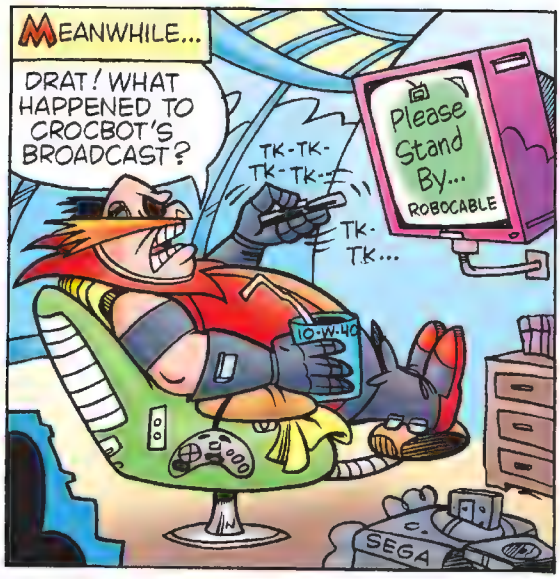

WHAT? REPE--
SKLASH!
I'M OFF THE AIR, FATSO!
BZZZZT

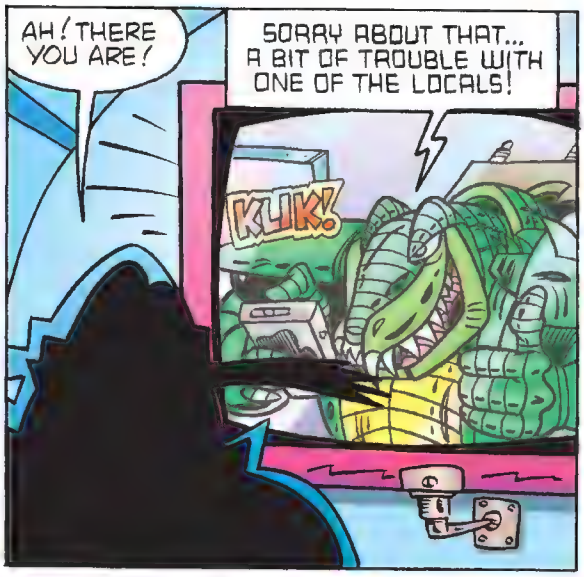
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD?
whimper FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

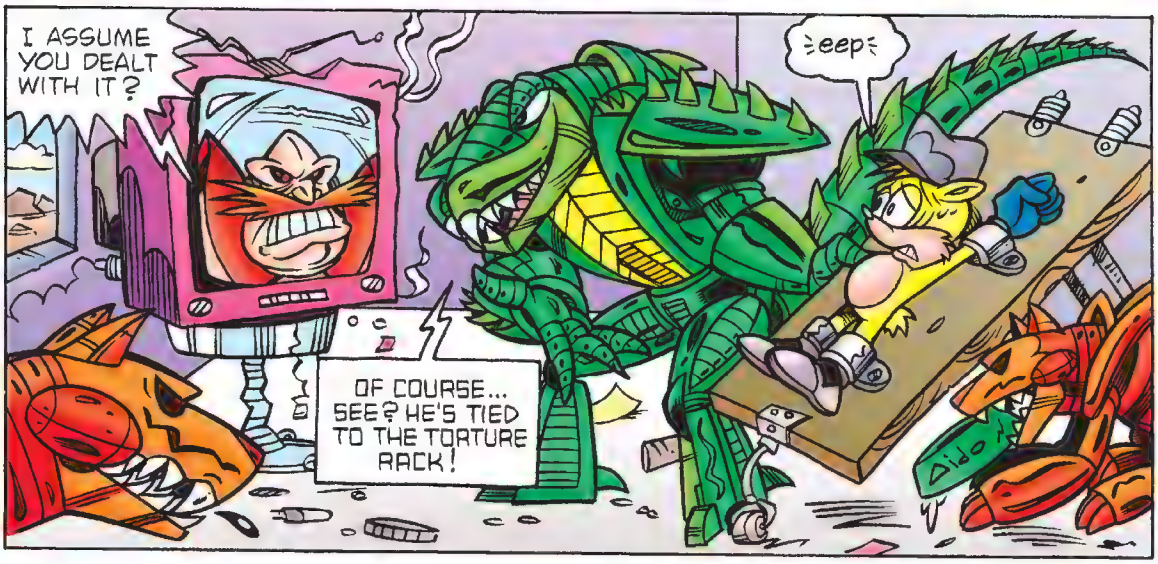

WOT? THAT RAGTAG BUNCH OF DO-GOOD-ERS TRASHED YOUR WHOLE SQUADRON?
WHAK!
urk
KLUNK!

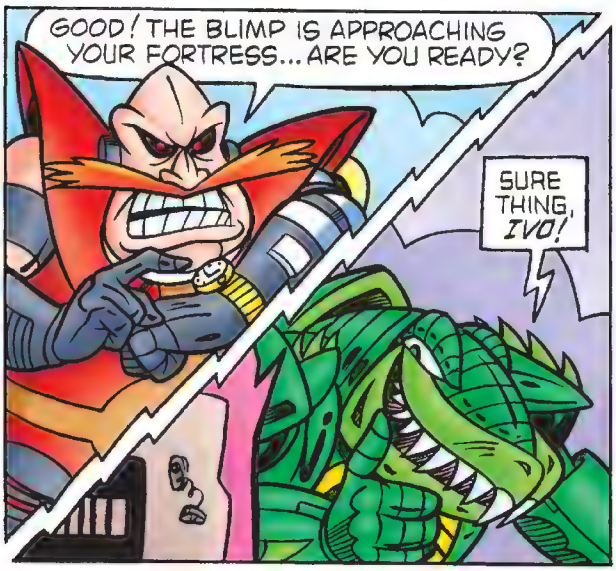

snawt! HERE I AM, POISED TO RULE ALL OF DOWNUNDA AND EVENTUALLY MOBIUS--
ALL IS NOT LOST, OH MASTER...
growl NOW I GET HUMILIATED BY THOSE HATEFUL HEROES!


ALPHA WING DINGO REPORTING... WITH HOSTAGE IN TOW!
CROCBOT!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T WOMBAT STU!
grrrrr...

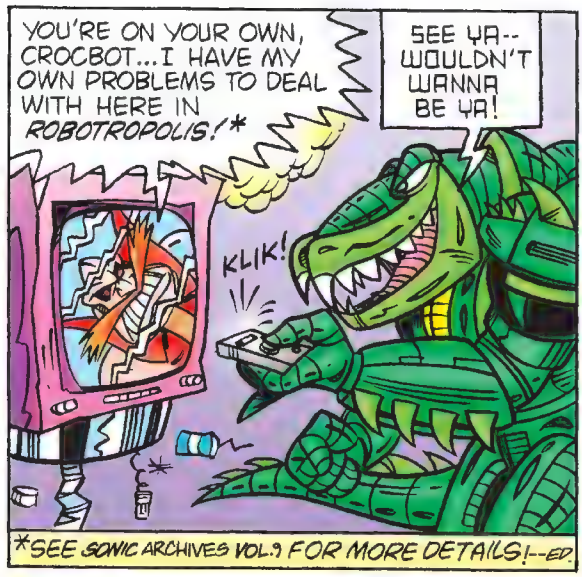

MEANWHILE...
DRAT! WHAT HAPPENED TO CROCBOT'S BROADCAST?
TK-TK-TK-TK-
TK-TK...
Please Stand By...
ROBOCABLE
10-W-40
SEGA

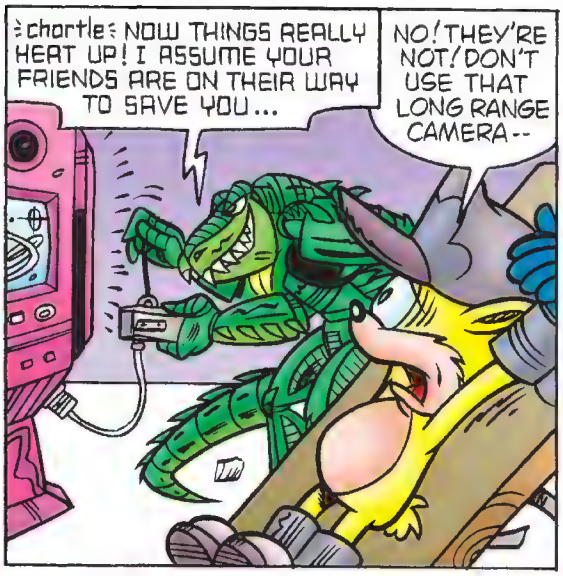

AH! THERE YOU ARE!
SORRY ABOUT THAT... A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH ONE OF THE LOCALS!
KLIK!

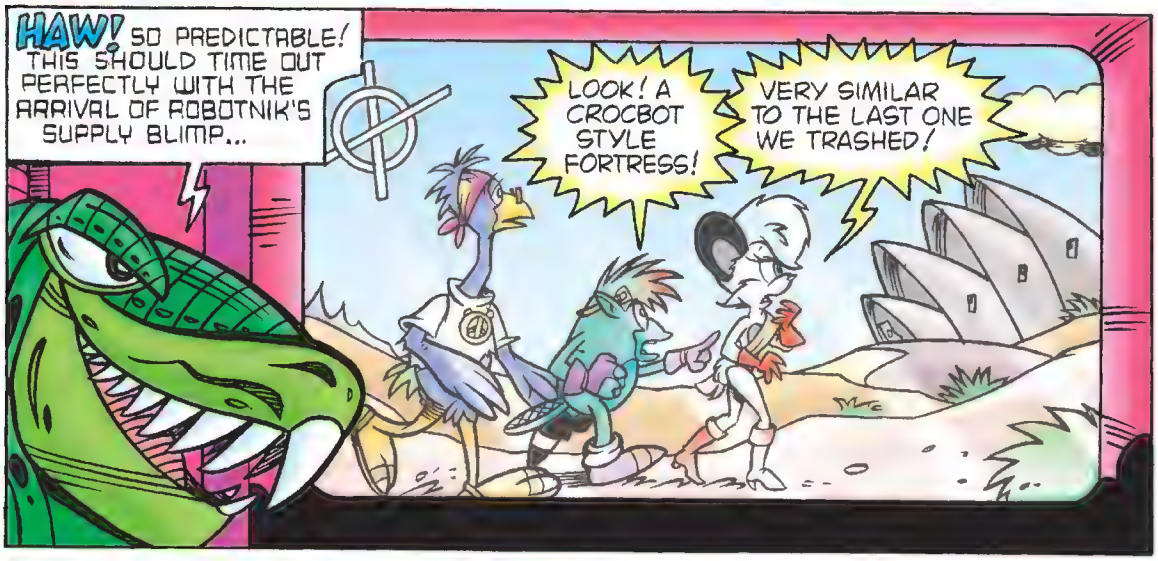

I ASSUME YOU DEALT WITH IT?
eep
OF COURSE... SEE? HE'S TIED TO THE TORTURE RACK!

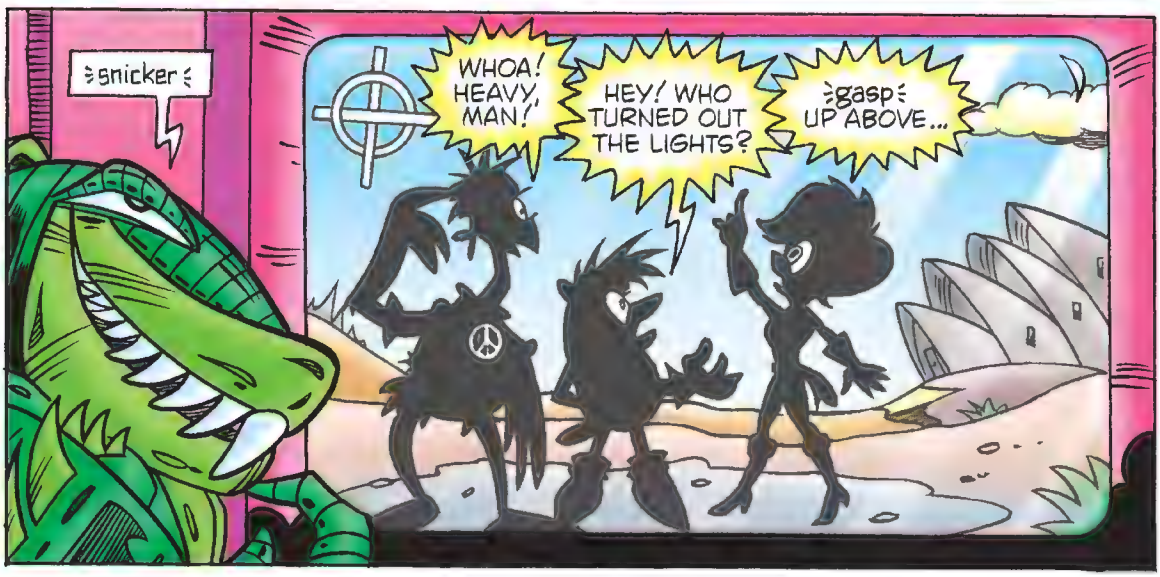

GOOD! THE BLIMP IS APPROACHING YOUR FORTRESS... ARE YOU READY?
SURE THING, IVO!

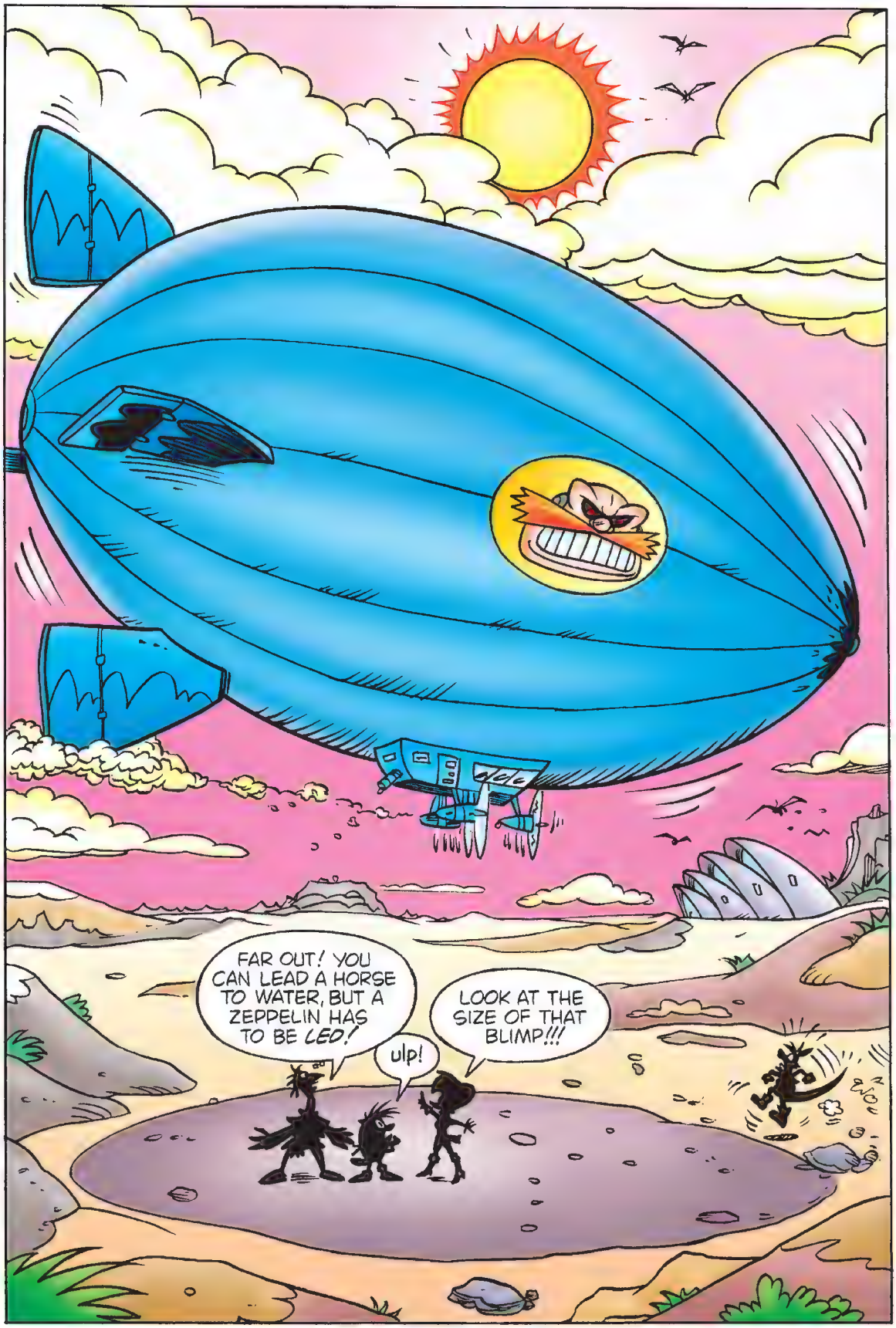
VERY WELL... I SHALL REMOVE THE INVISIBILITY SHIELD SO YOU CAN GUIDE IT INTO YOUR HANGAR...
DISENGAGE UMBRELLA CLOAK
INITIATION IN 15 SECONDS
OFF


YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, CROCBOT...I HAVE MY OWN PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH HERE IN ROBOTROPOLIS!*
SEE YA--WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA!
KLIK!
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.9 FOR MORE DETAILS!--ED.

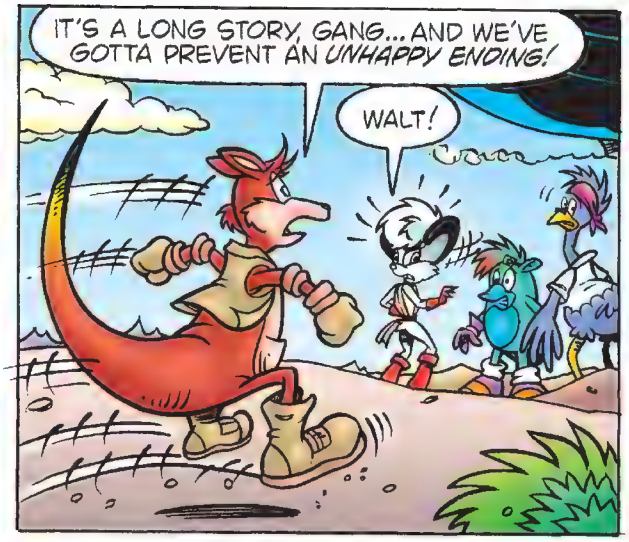

chortle NOW THINGS REALLY HEAT UP! I ASSUME YOUR FRIENDS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO SAVE YOU...
NO! THEY'RE NOT! DON'T USE THAT LONG RANGE CAMERA--

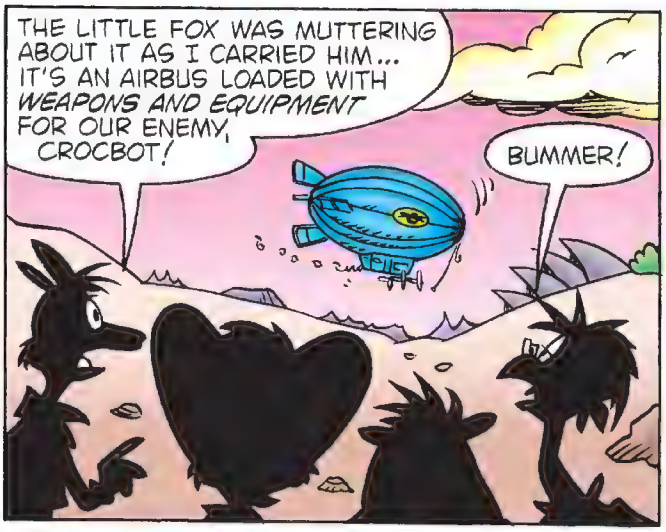

HAW! SO PREDICTABLE! THIS SHOULD TIME OUT PERFECTLY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP...
LOOK! A CROCBOT STYLE FORTRESS!
VERY SIMILAR TO THE LAST ONE WE TRASHED!


snicker
WHOA! HEAVY, MAN!
HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
gasp UP ABOVE...

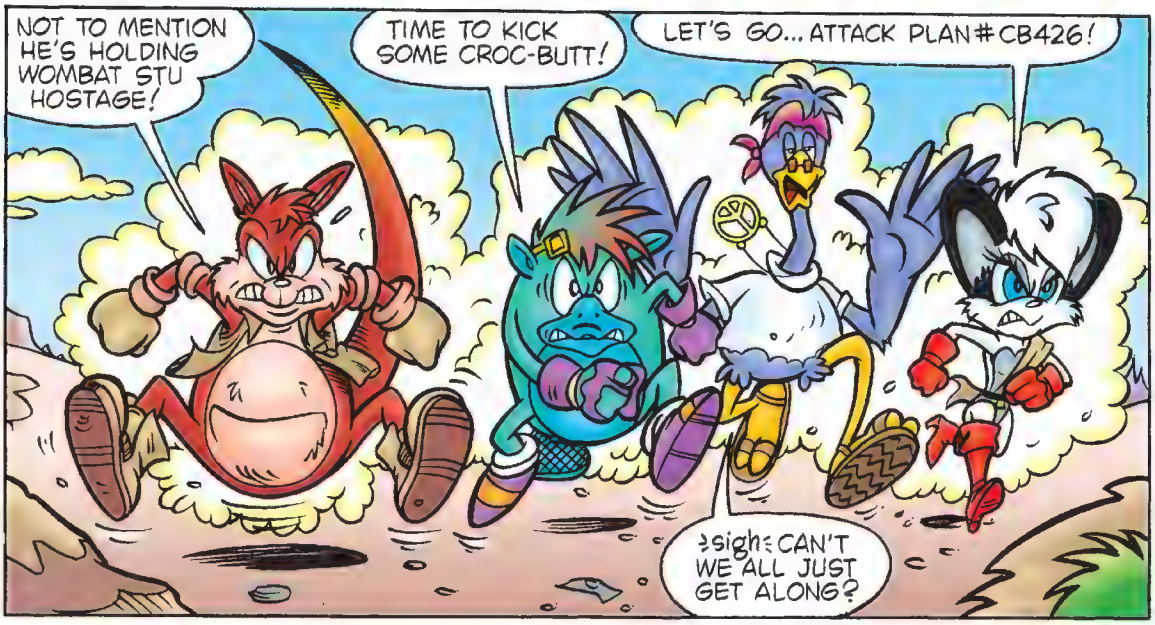

FAR OUT! YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT A ZEPPELIN HAS TO BE *LED!*
ulp!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT BLIMP!!!

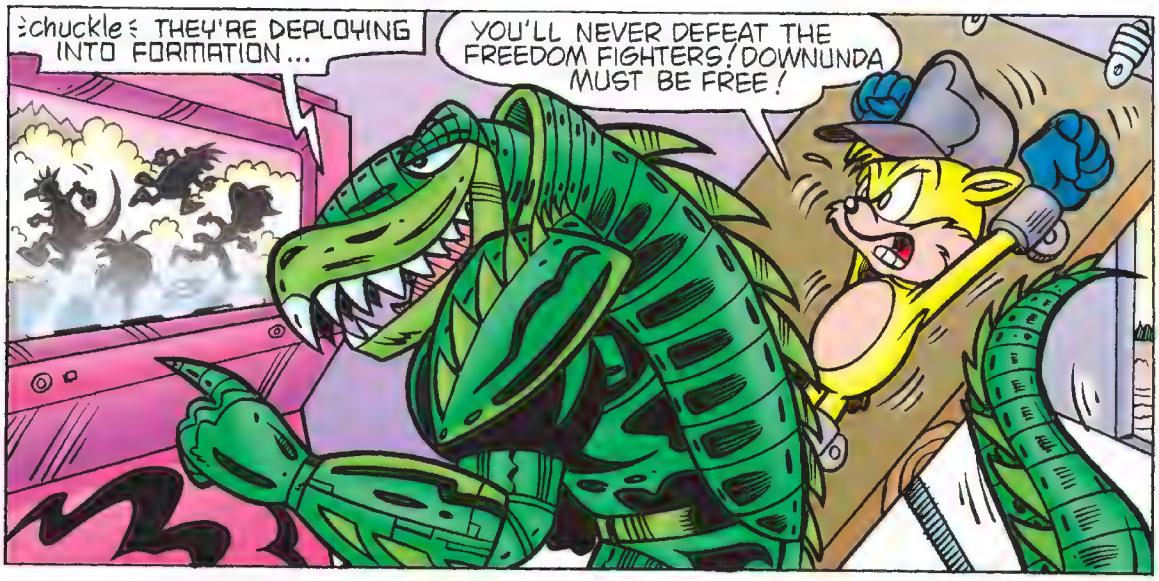
IT'S GIVING OFF VERY BAD VIBES!
AND IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR CROCBOT'S PLACE!
BUT WHY?


IT'S A LONG STORY, GANG... AND WE'VE GOTTA PREVENT AN *UNHAPPY ENDING!*
WALT!

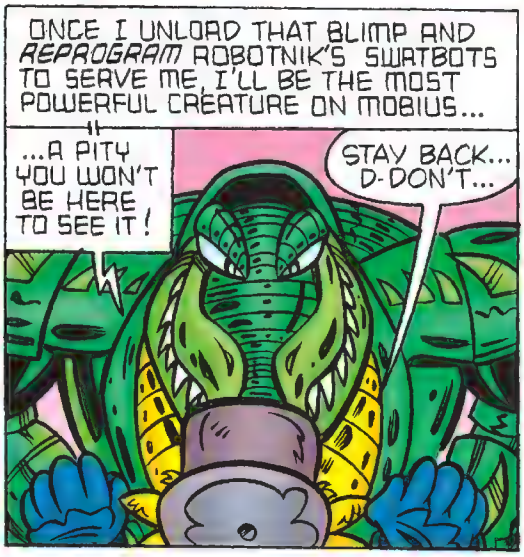

THE LITTLE FOX WAS MUTTERING ABOUT IT AS I CARRIED HIM... IT'S AN AIRBUS LOADED WITH *WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT* FOR OUR ENEMY, CROCBOT!
BUMMER!

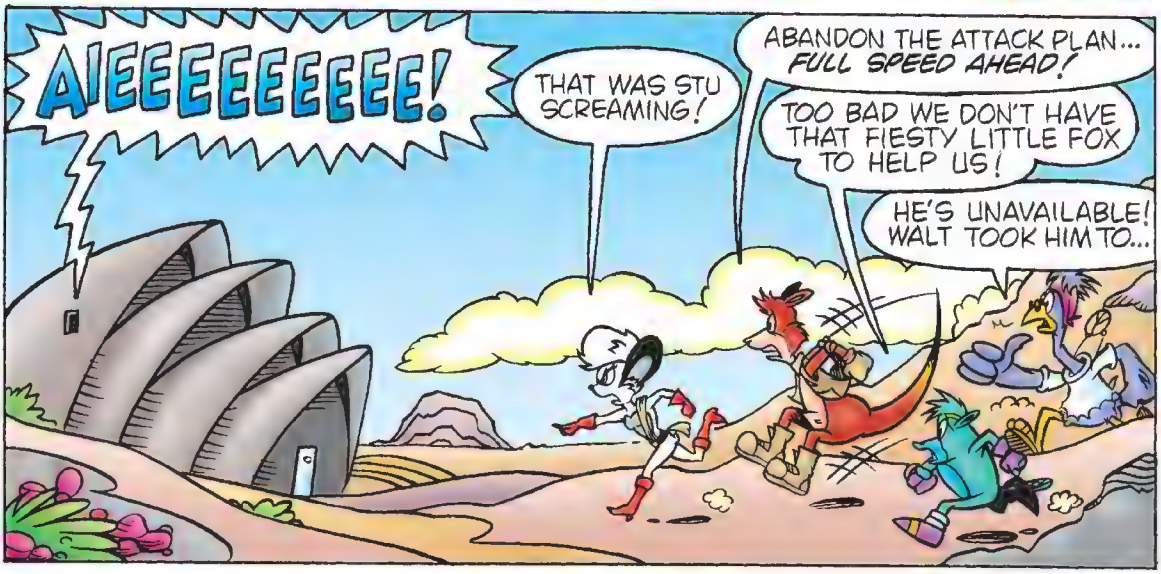
RIGHT ON, GURU EMU! CROCBOT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TWO-BIT HOOD, BUT IF THAT SHIP GETS THROUGH, HE'LL BECOME A *SUPER-VILLAIN!*


NOT TO MENTION HE'S HOLDING WOMBAT STU HOSTAGE!
TIME TO KICK SOME CROC-BUTT!
LET'S GO... ATTACK PLAN #CB426!
sigh: CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?


:chuckle: THEY'RE DEPLOYING INTO FORMATION...
YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! DOWNUNDA MUST BE FREE!

OH, MY PLANS GO FAR BEYOND THIS PUNY CONTINENT, LITTLE ONE!
WH-WHAT DO Y-YOU MEAN?

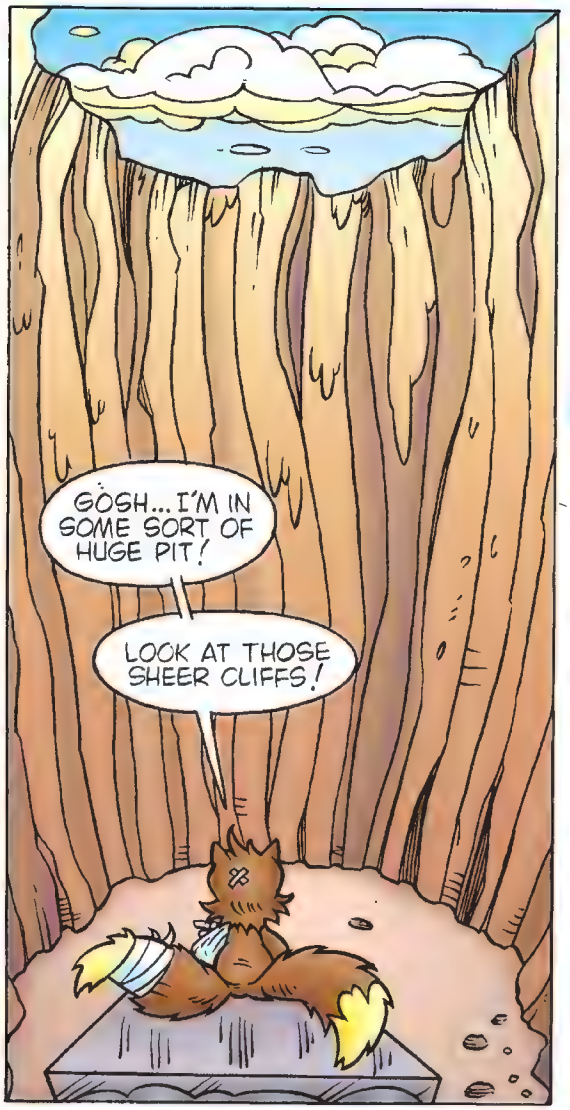

ONCE I UNLOAD THAT BLIMP AND *REPROGRAM* ROBOTNIK'S SWATBOTS TO SERVE ME, I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE ON MOBIUS...
...A PITY YOU WON'T BE HERE TO SEE IT!
STAY BACK... D-DON'T...

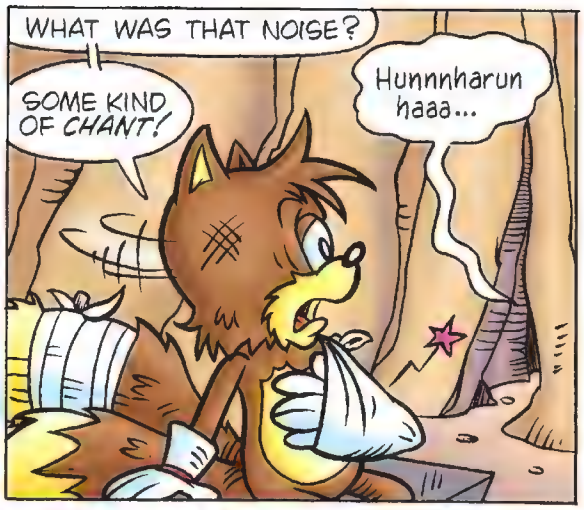

AIEEEEEEEEE!
THAT WAS STU SCREAMING!
ABANDON THE ATTACK PLAN... *FULL SPEED AHEAD!*
TOO BAD WE DON'T HAVE THAT FIESTY LITTLE FOX TO HELP US!
HE'S UNAVAILABLE! WALT TOOK HIM TO...

"...THE CRATER!"

OOOOOOOHH... MY ACHING-- *EVERYTHING!* ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER OF THAT BUS?..Whoo-Ha!

I REMEMBER NOW! THE DOGS--THE WALLABEE! WHERE'D HE BRING ME?

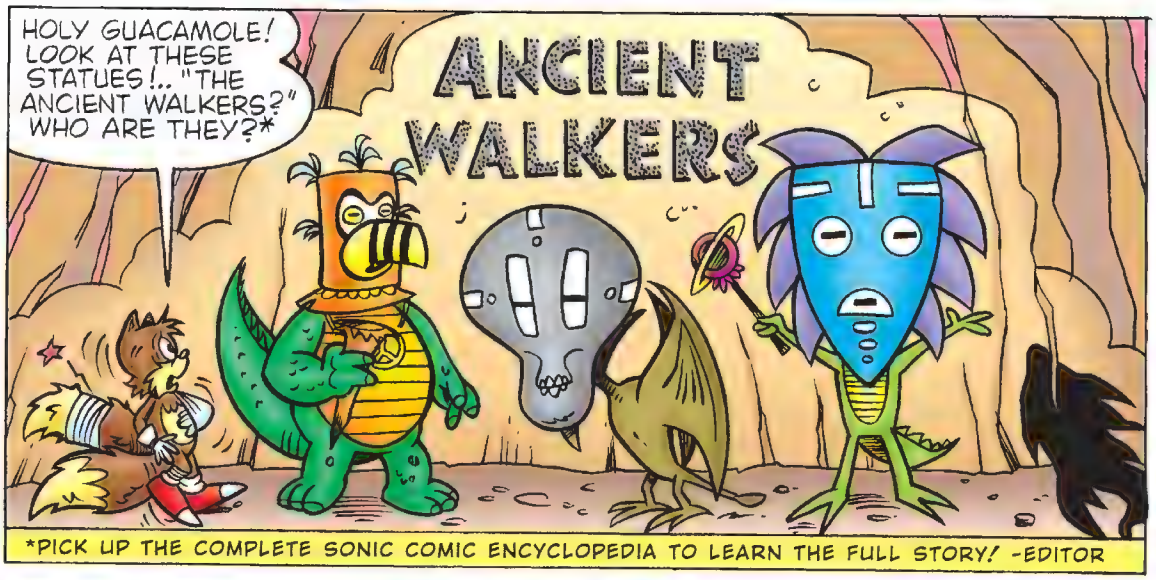

GOSH... I'M IN SOME SORT OF HUGE PIT!
LOOK AT THOSE SHEER CLIFFS!

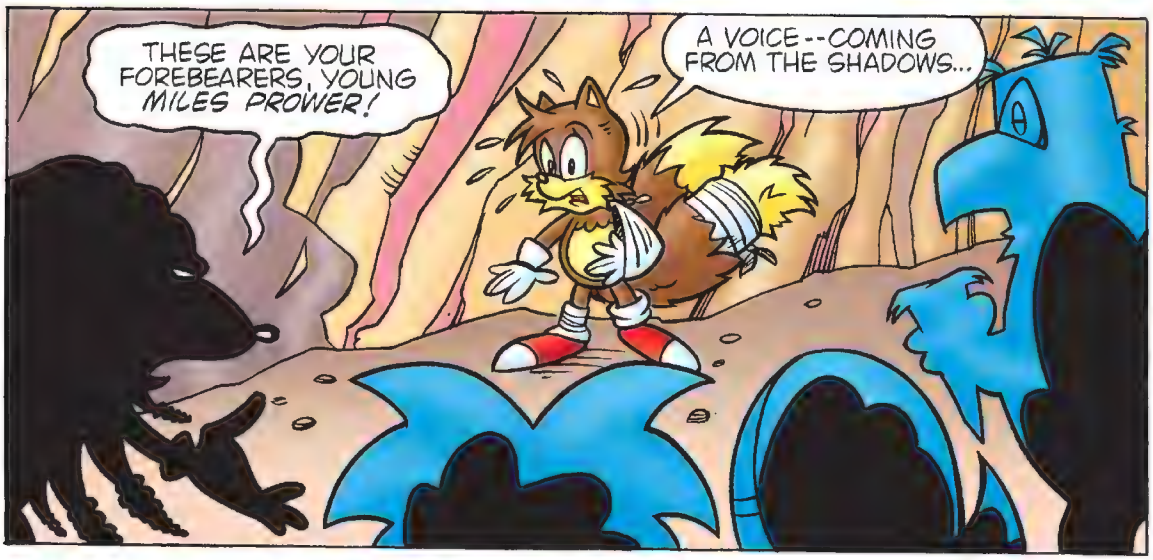

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
SOME KIND OF CHANT!
Hunnnharun haaa...

I'LL JUST HOP DOWN AND SEEEYA!

MAN! I'M MORE INJURED THAN I THOUGHT! BUT I'VE GOTTA SEE WHO'S DOWN THAT PASSAGEWAY!
Hunnnha-Hoooo

HELLO?
HELLOooo HELLOoo
Hellooo
Hellooo
Hellooo


HOLY GUACAMOLE! LOOK AT THESE STATUES!.. "THE ANCIENT WALKERS?" WHO ARE THEY?*
ANCIENT WALKERS
*PICK UP THE COMPLETE SONIC COMIC ENCYCLOPEDIA TO LEARN THE FULL STORY! -EDITOR


THESE ARE YOUR FOREBEARERS, YOUNG MILES PROWER!
A VOICE--COMING FROM THE SHADOWS...

YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN... AND TIME ALREADY GROWS SHORT!
THAT SILHOUETTE... THOSE DREADLOCKS... IT'S YOU...
KNUCKLES!

NO... I AM NOT THE ECHIDNA WHO *GUARDS* THE *FLOATING ISLAND*... THOUGH MY BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH HIS VEINS!
AND WHAT OF YOUR BLOOD DOUBLE TAIL? ARE YOU INDEED THE CHOSEN ONE?
WE SHALL KNOW-- WE *MUST* KNOW! YOU ARE MINE... BODY AND SOUL! SO SPEAKS... ATHAIR!
gulp!
"GULP" INDEED! WHO IS THIS WEIRD OLD GUY AND WHAT ARE HIS *INTENTIONS*? WILL TAILS BE ABLE TO REJOIN THE *DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS* IN THEIR FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH *CROCBOT*? BEYOND THAT, WILL HE EVER GO HOME?
COMING UP NEXT!

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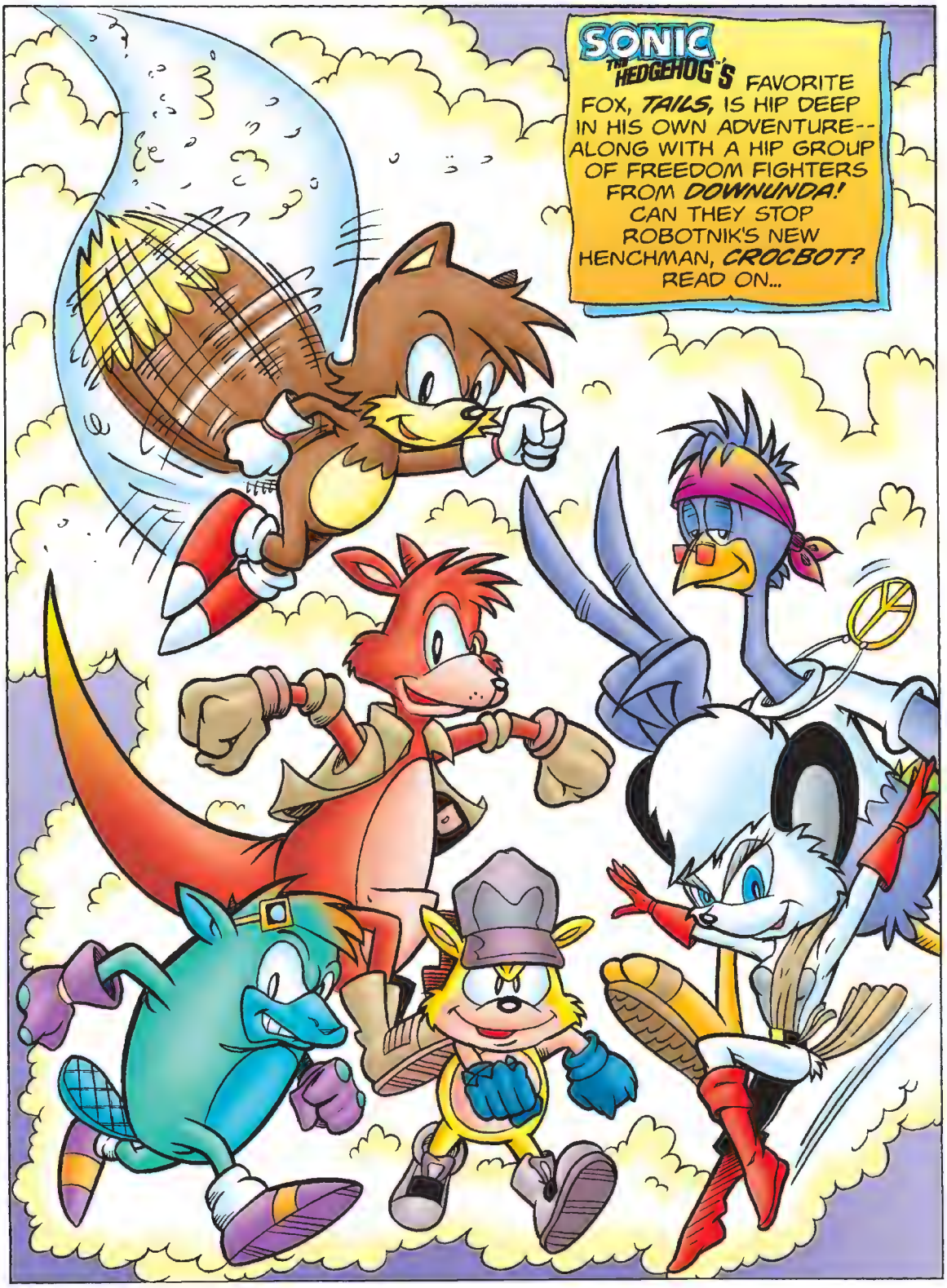
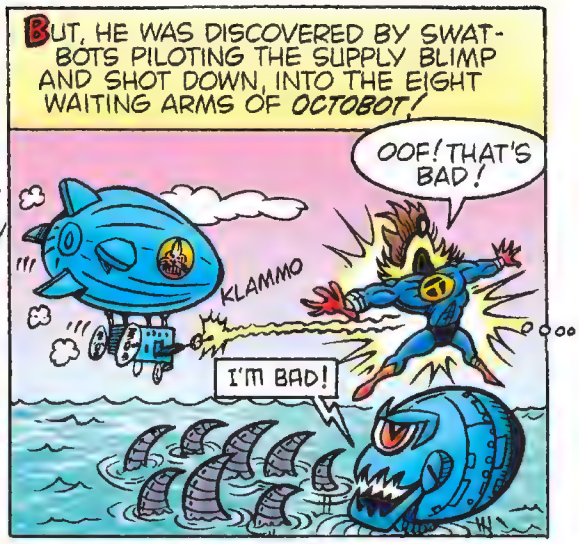
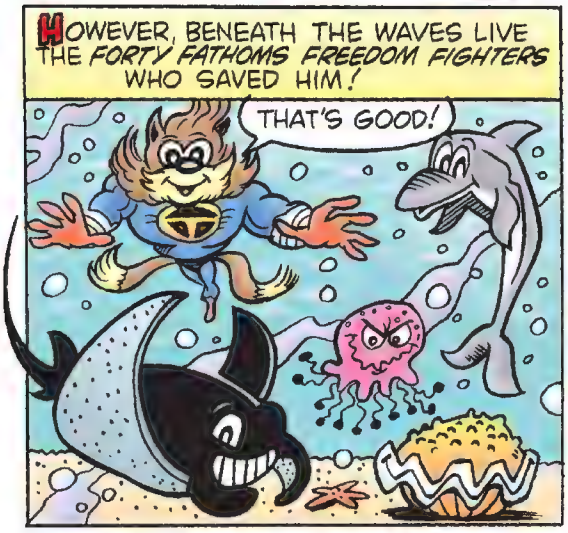
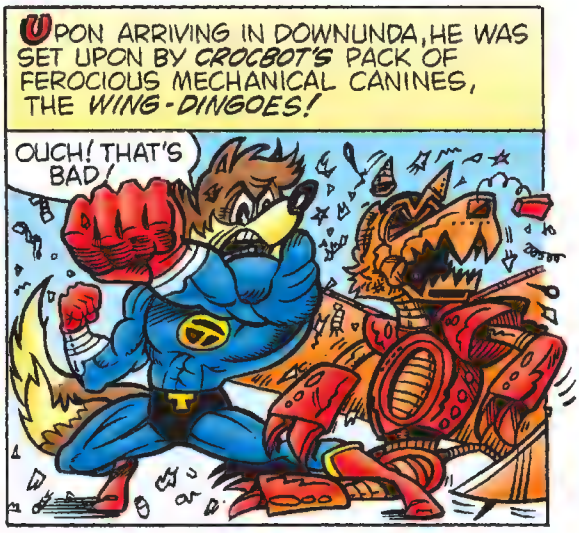

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S FAVORITE FOX, TAILS, IS HIP DEEP IN HIS OWN ADVENTURE--ALONG WITH A HIP GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM DOWNUNDA! CAN THEY STOP ROBOTNIK'S NEW HENCHMAN, CROCBOT? READ ON...

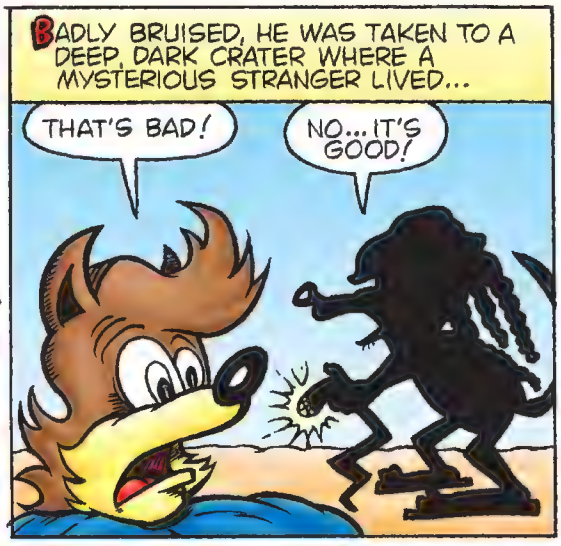
TAILS TO ASTONISH

FEATURING CAPTAIN SUPER FOXMAN ⊛ THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE

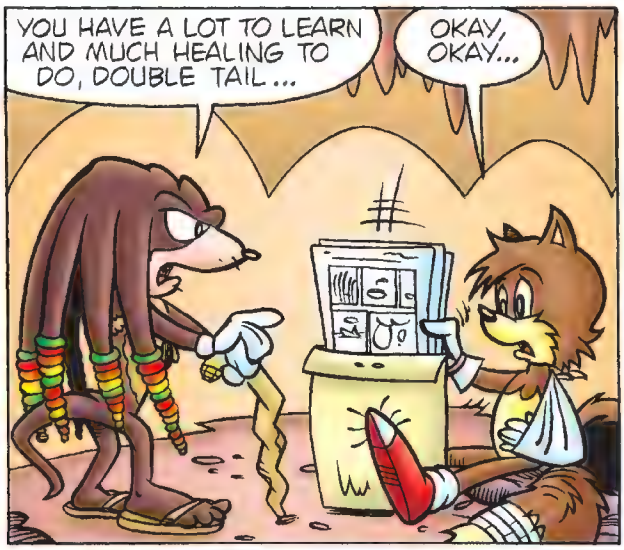




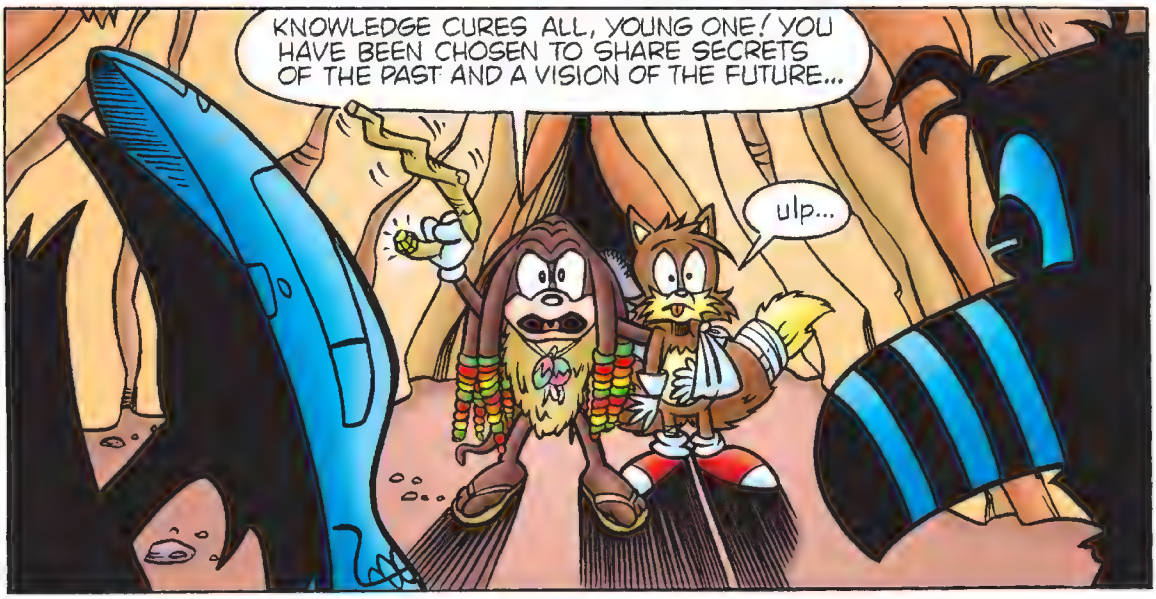




ARE YOU SURE, *ATHAIR?* THIS PAGE OF MY COMIC BOOK SEEMS AWFULLY WORDY...
IT'S FINE, I'M TELLING YOU... PUT IT AWAY ALREADY!
by Miles Prower


YOU HAVE A LOT TO LEARN AND MUCH HEALING TO DO, DOUBLE TAIL...
OKAY, OKAY...

RISE AND WALK WITH ME...
OW! CAN WE DO THE *HEALING* PART FIRST?


KNOWLEDGE CURES ALL, YOUNG ONE! YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO SHARE SECRETS OF THE PAST AND A VISION OF THE FUTURE...
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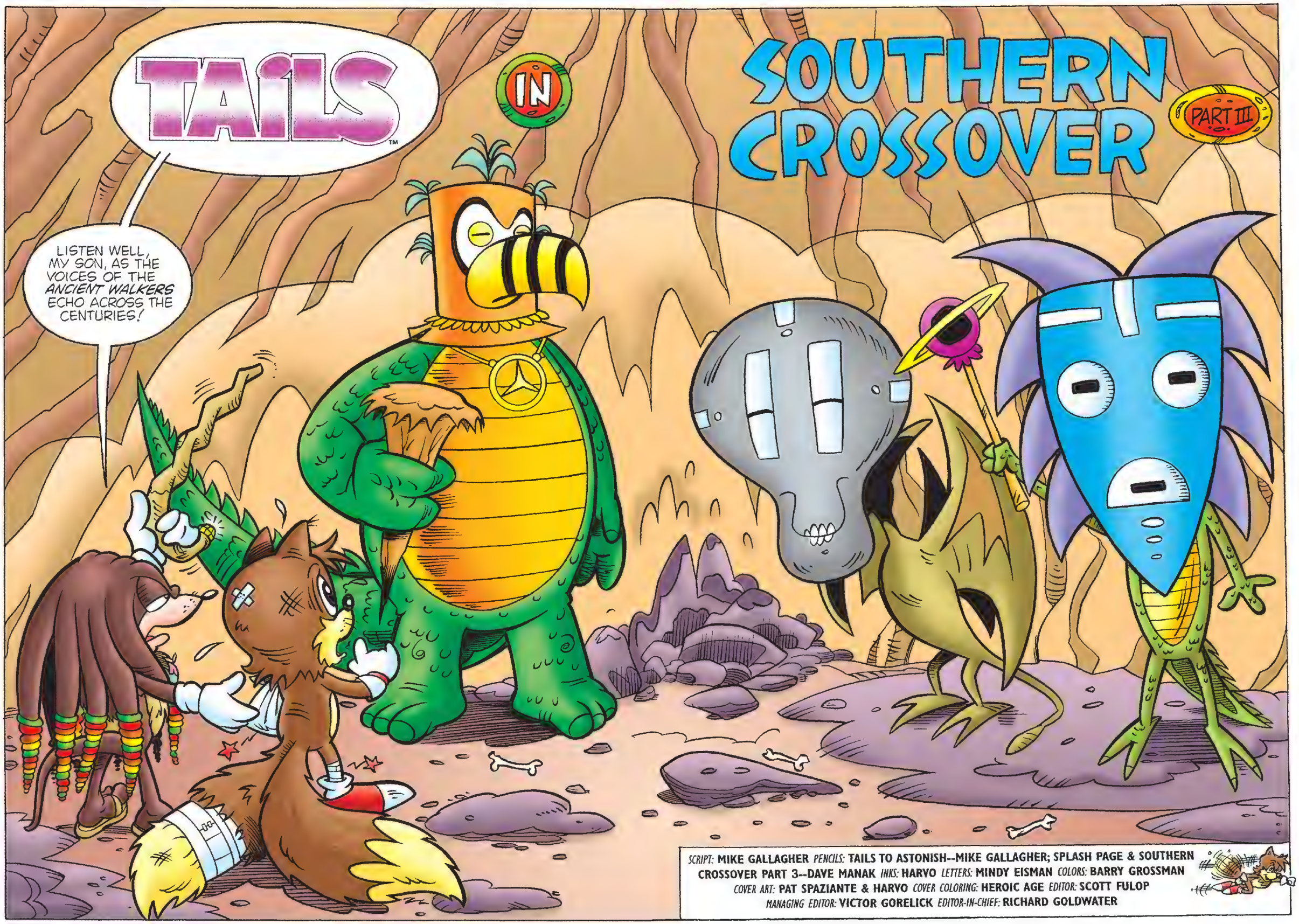

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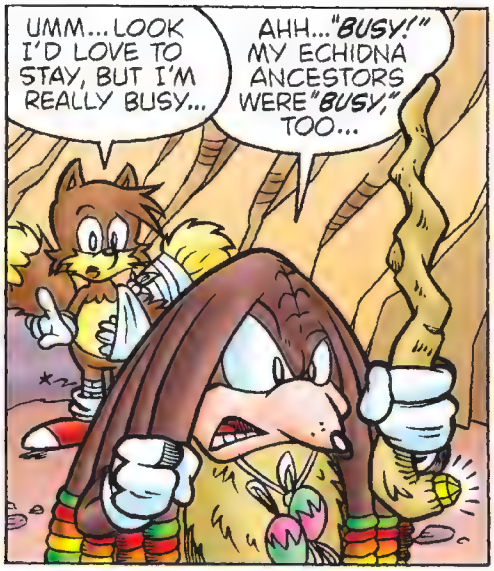

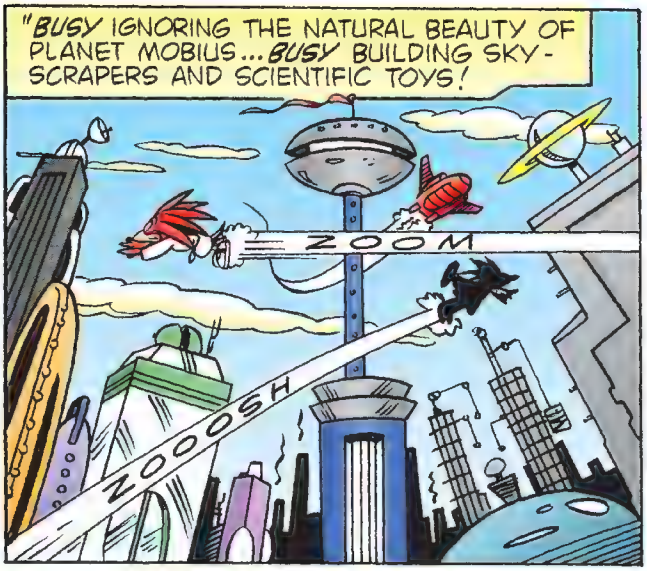

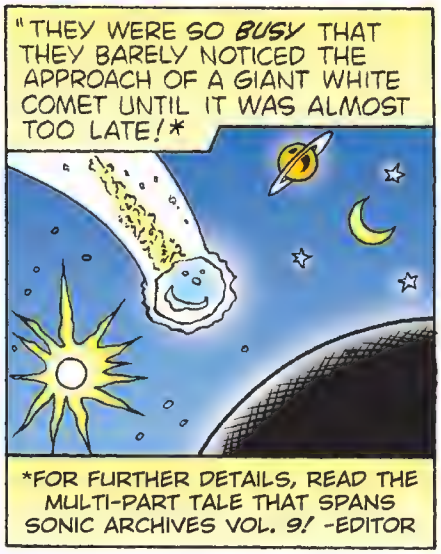

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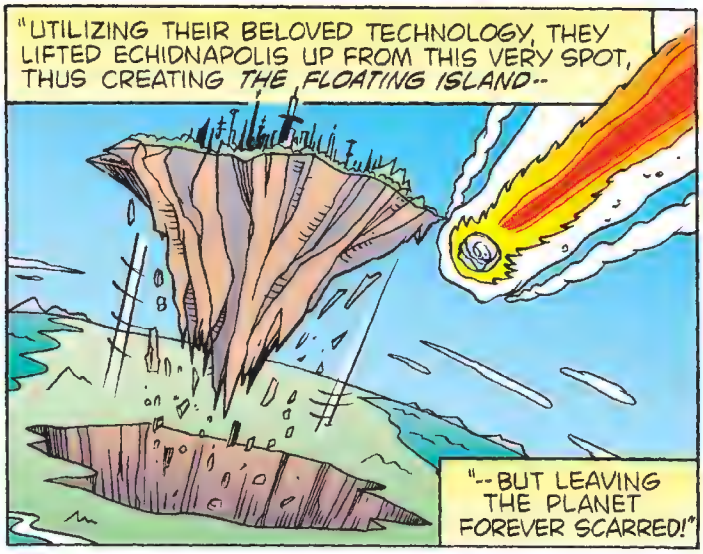
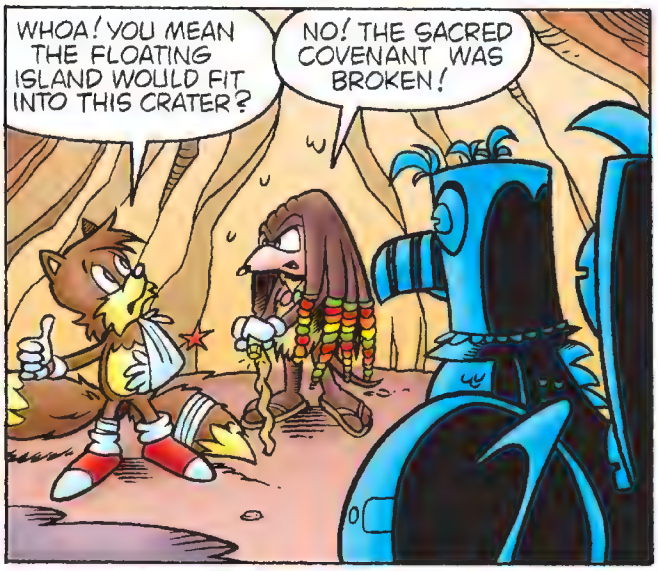
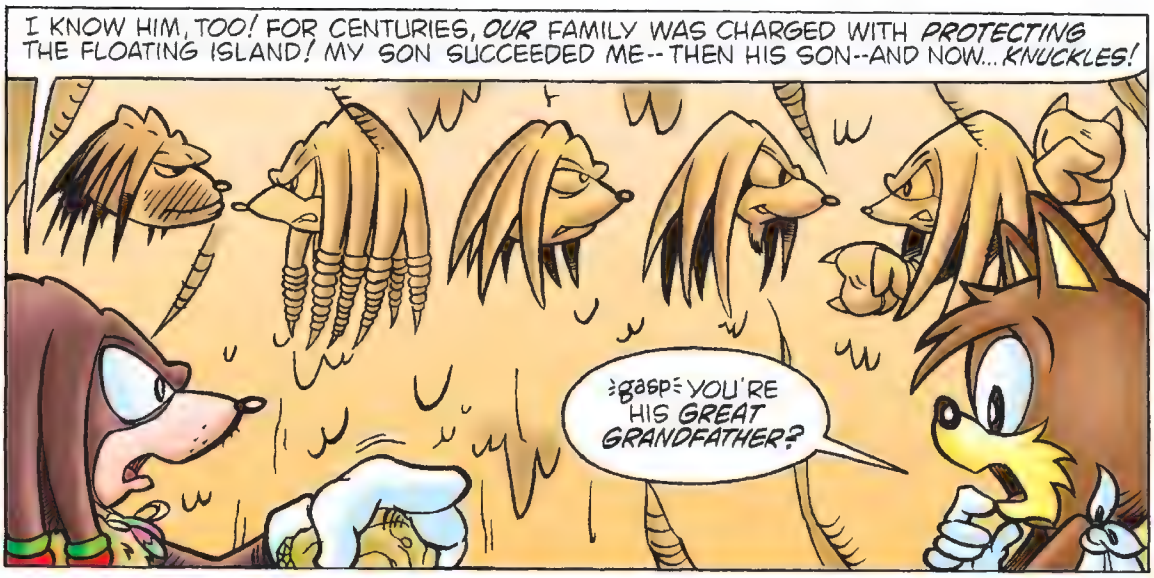
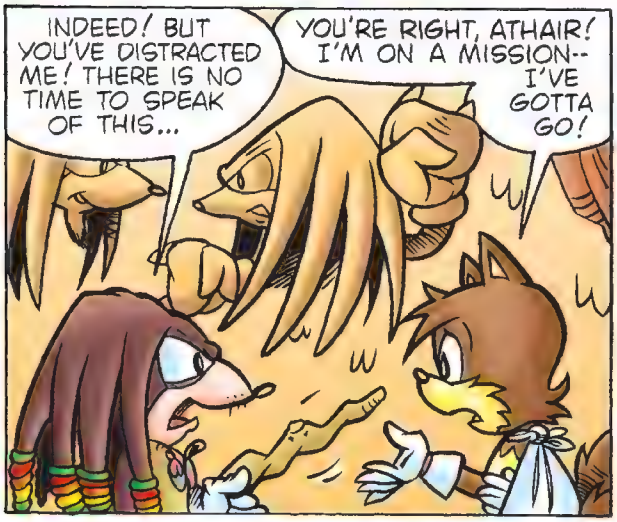
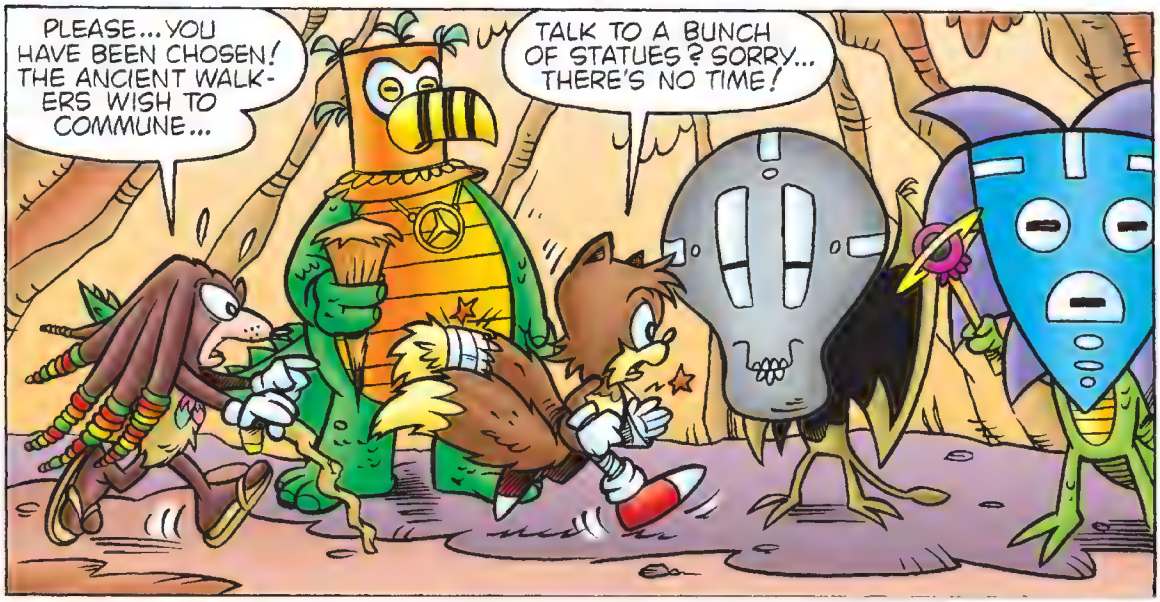


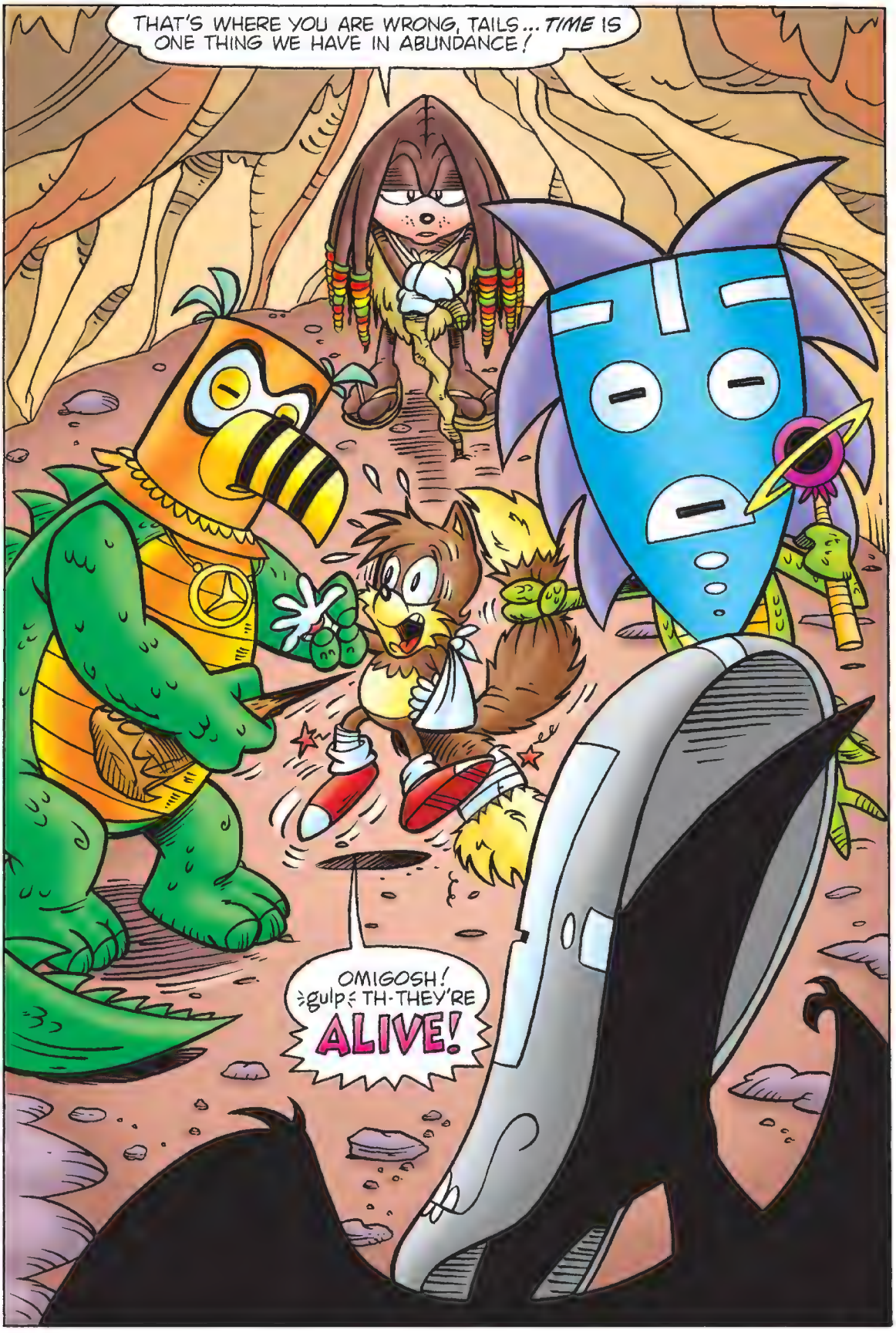


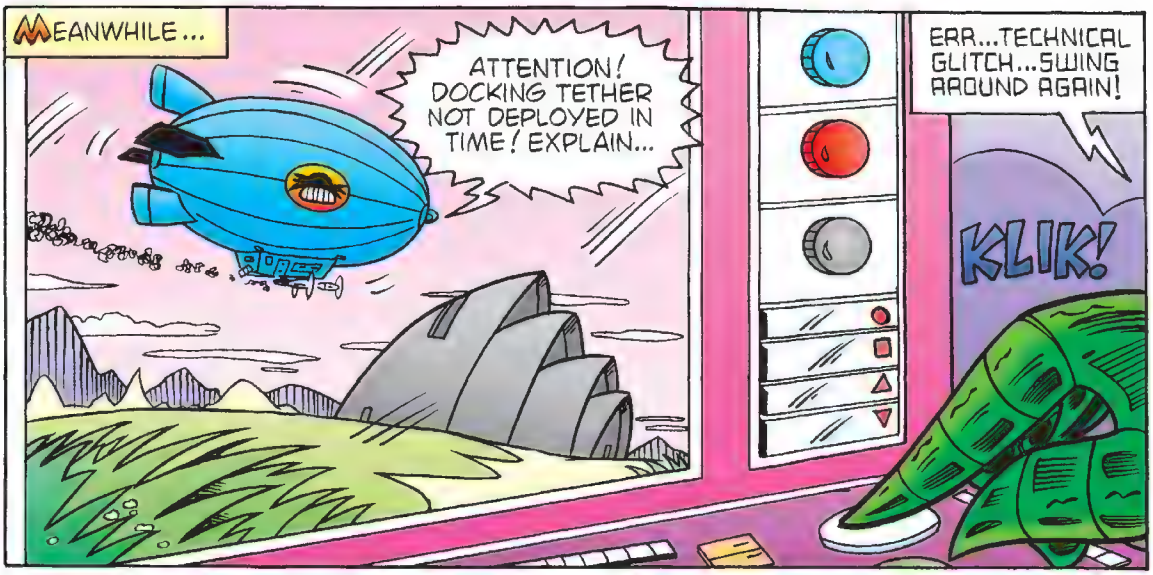

I KNOW HIM, TOO! FOR CENTURIES, OUR FAMILY WAS CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE FLOATING ISLAND! MY SON SUCCEEDED ME--THEN HIS SON--AND NOW... KNUCKLES!
gasp YOU'RE HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER?

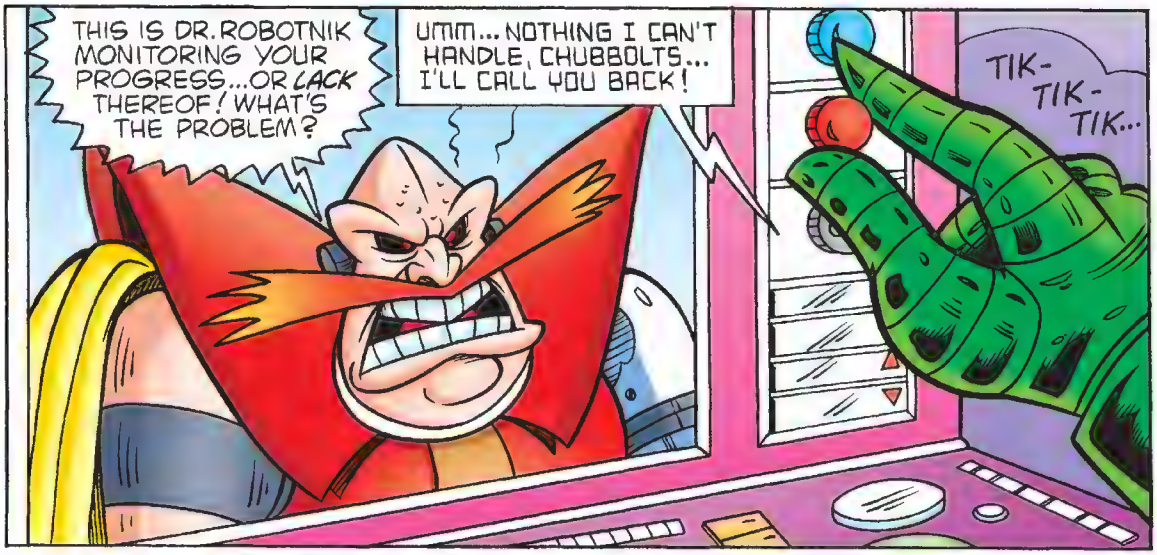

INDEED! BUT YOU'VE DISTRACTED ME! THERE IS NO TIME TO SPEAK OF THIS...
YOU'RE RIGHT, ATHAIR! I'M ON A MISSION-- I'VE GOTTA GO!

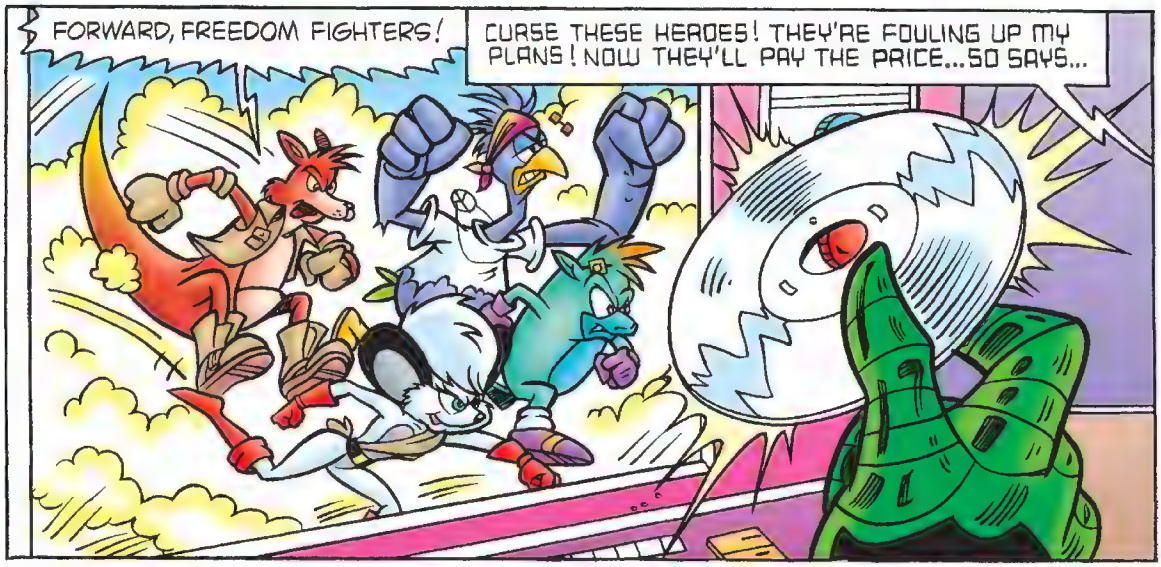
NO...YOU MISUNDERSTAND! YOU MUST REMAIN HERE AND LEARN THE WAY!
JUST SHOW ME THE WAY OUT!

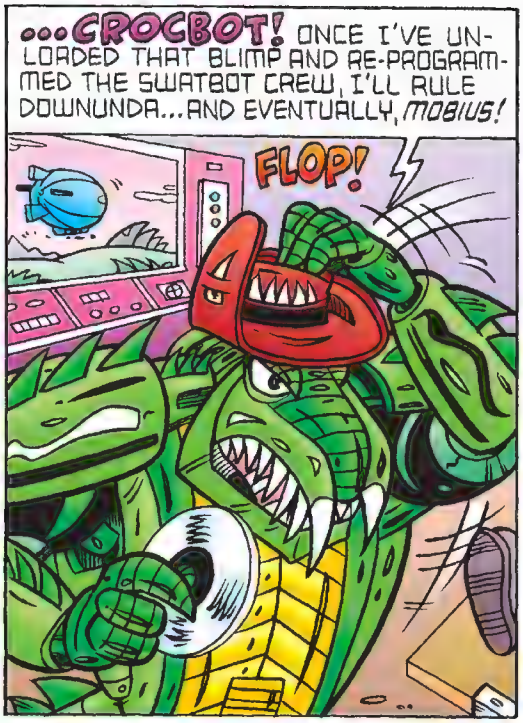

PLEASE...YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN! THE ANCIENT WALKERS WISH TO COMMUNE...
TALK TO A BUNCH OF STATUES? SORRY... THERE'S NO TIME!

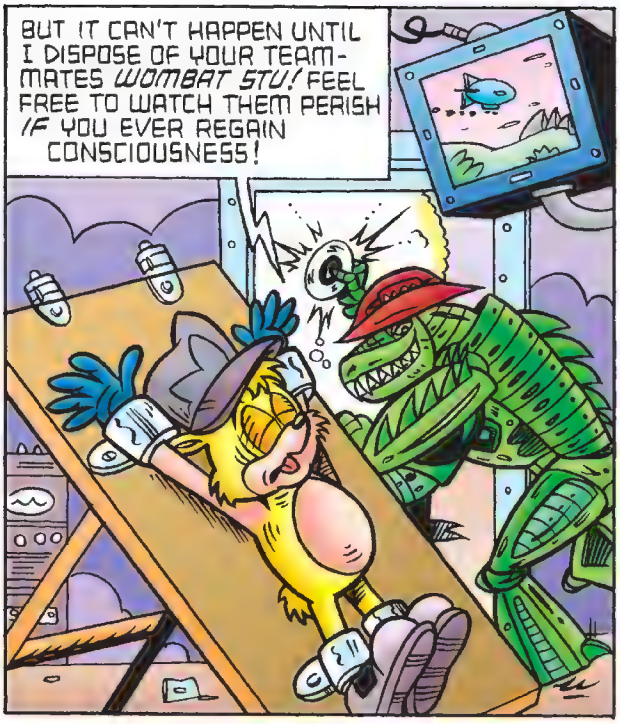

THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE WRONG, TAILS... *TIME* IS ONE THING WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE!
OMIGOSH! ≥gulp≤ TH-THEY'RE ALIVE!

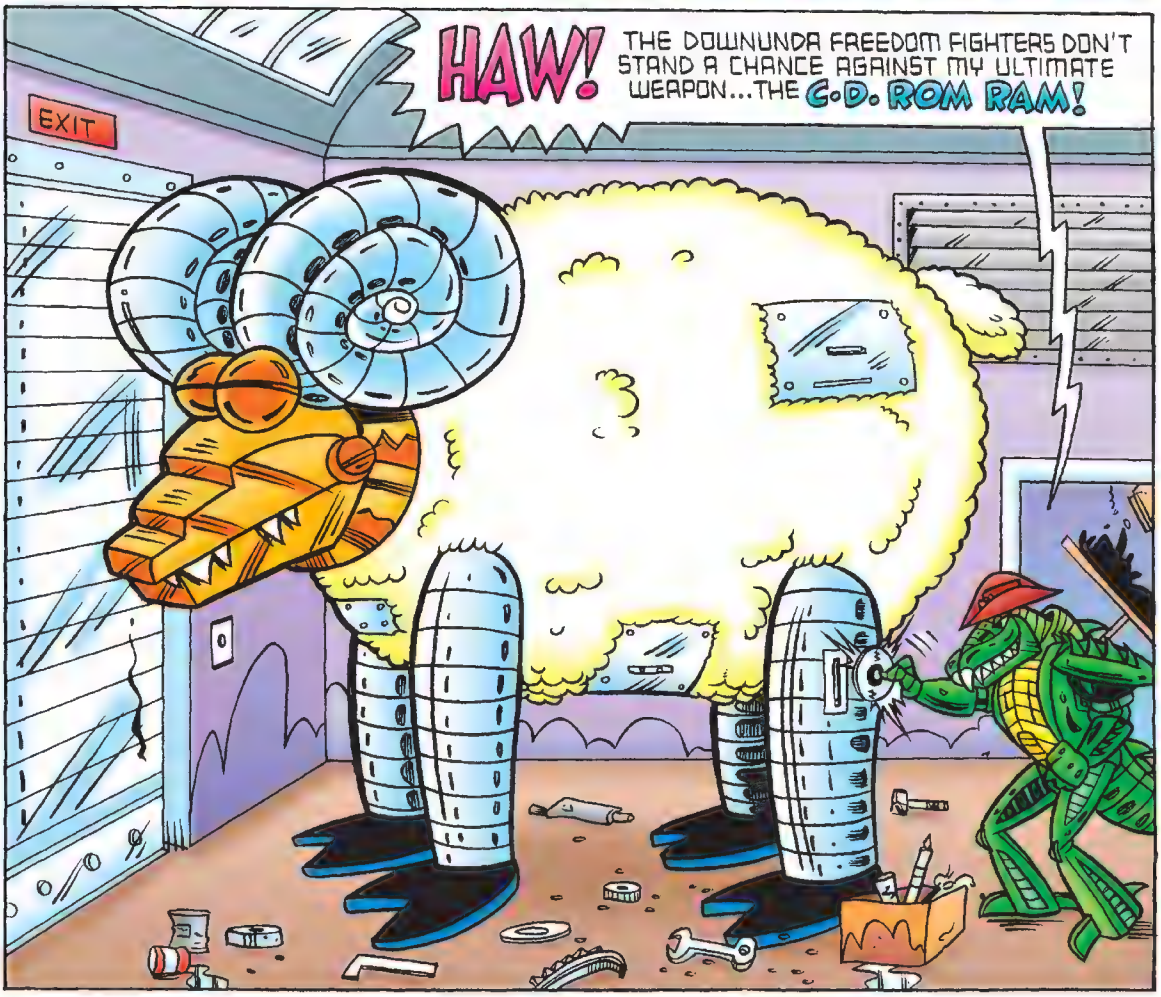

MEANWHILE...
ATTENTION! DOCKING TETHER NOT DEPLOYED IN TIME! EXPLAIN...
ERR...TECHNICAL GLITCH...SWING AROUND AGAIN!
KLIK!

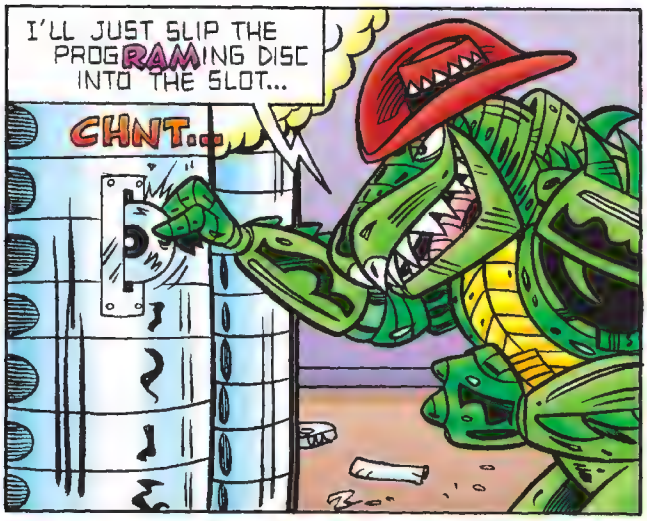

THIS IS DR. ROBOTNIK MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS...OR *LACK* THEREOF! WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
UMM... NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE, CHUBBOLTS... I'LL CALL YOU BACK!
TIK-TIK-TIK...

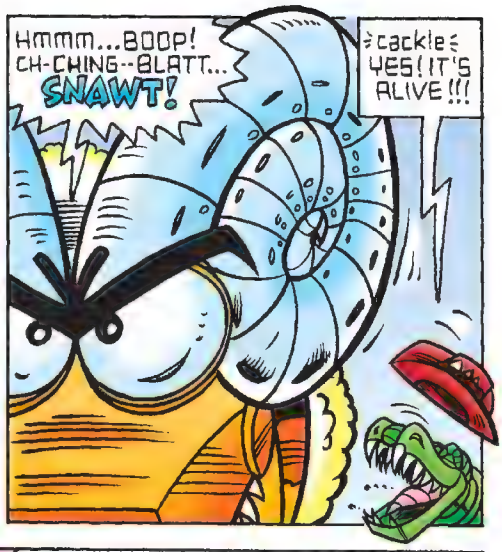

FORWARD, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
CURSE THESE HEROES! THEY'RE FOULING UP MY PLANS! NOW THEY'LL PAY THE PRICE...SO SAYS...

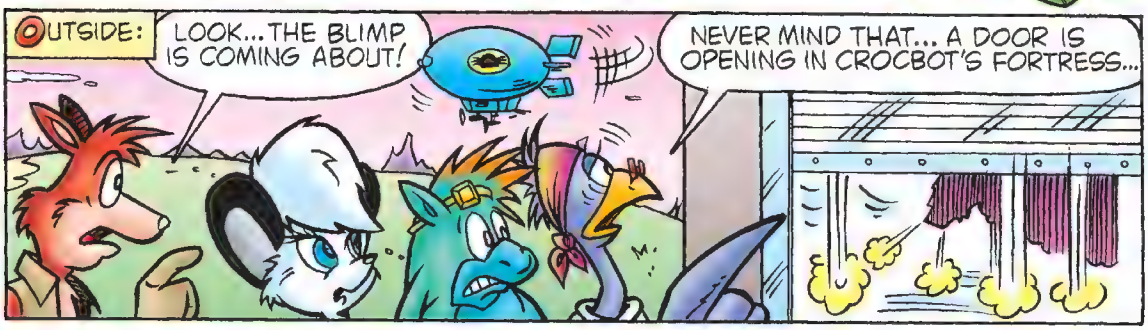

...CROCBOT! ONCE I'VE UNLOADED THAT BLIMP AND RE-PROGRAMMED THE SWATBOT CREW, I'LL RULE DOWNUNDA...AND EVENTUALLY, MOBIUS!
FLOP!

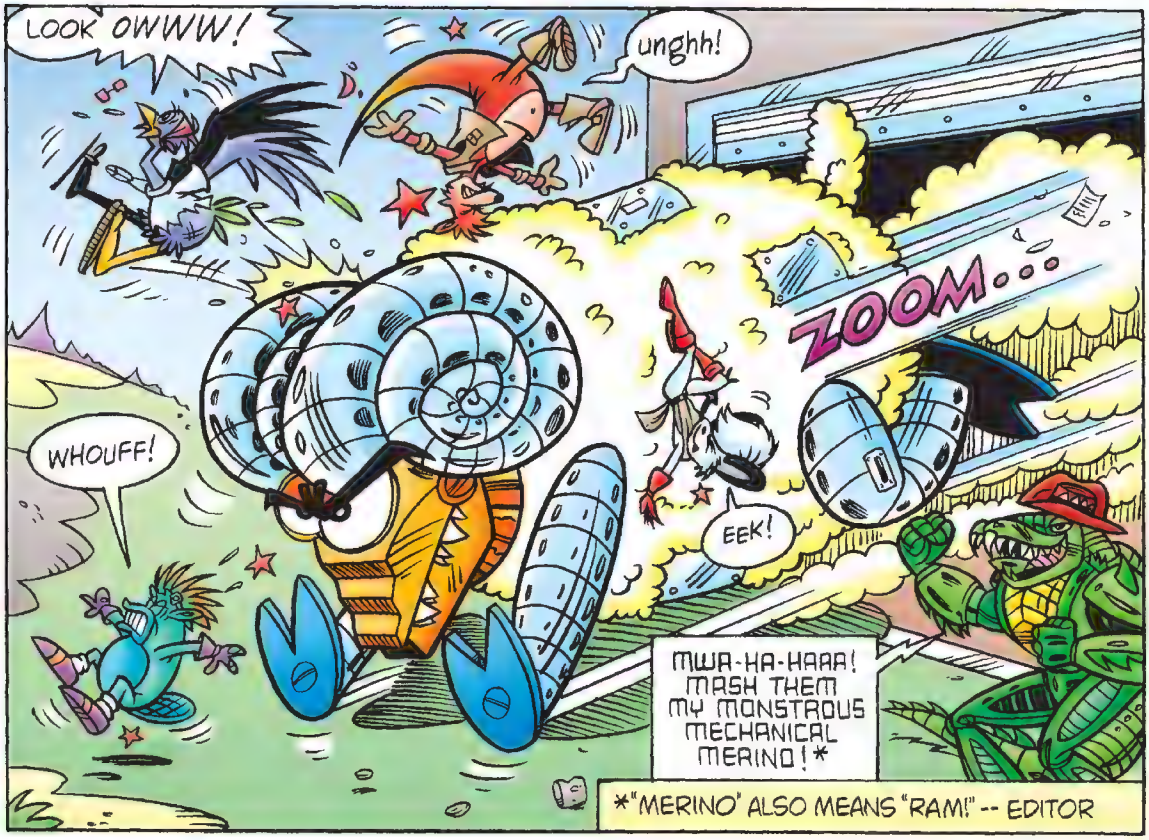

BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN UNTIL I DISPOSE OF YOUR TEAMMATES WOMBAT STU! FEEL FREE TO WATCH THEM PERISH IF YOU EVER REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS!

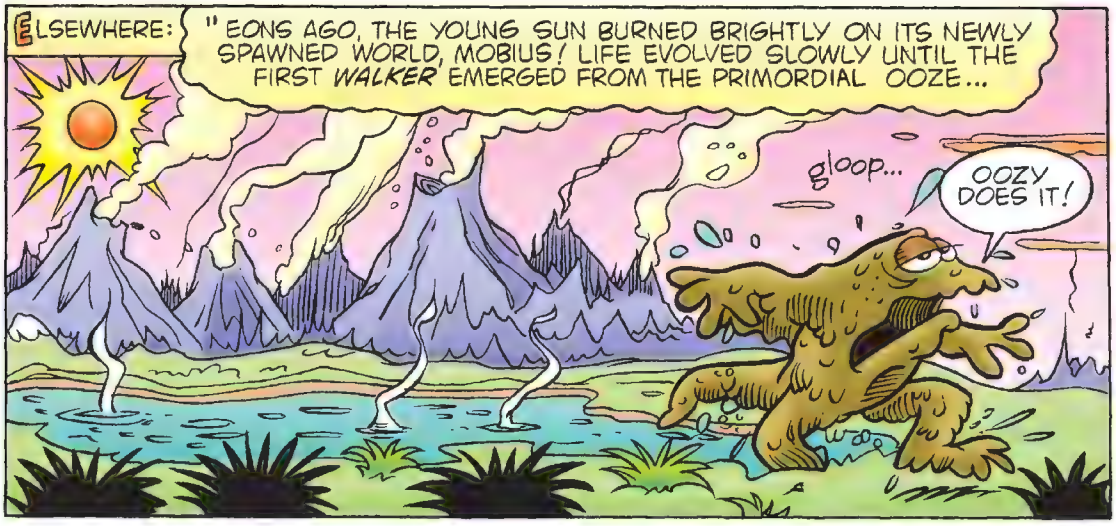

HAW! THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ULTIMATE WEAPON...THE C.D. ROM RAM!
EXIT

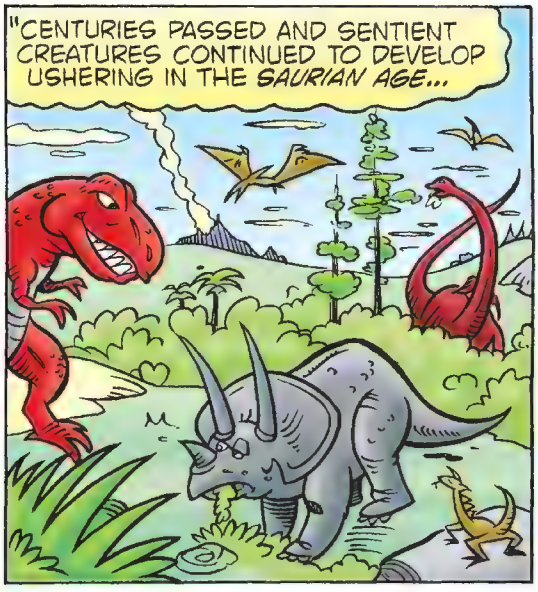

I'LL JUST SLIP THE PROGRAMING DISC INTO THE SLOT...
CHNT...


HMMM...BOOP! CH-CHING--BLATT... SNAWT!
≤cackle≤ YES! IT'S ALIVE!!!

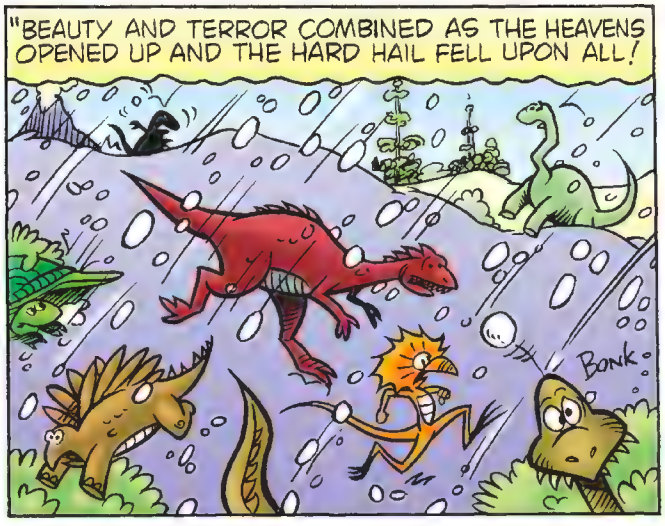

OUTSIDE:
LOOK...THE BLIMP IS COMING ABOUT!
NEVER MIND THAT... A DOOR IS OPENING IN CROCBOT'S FORTRESS...

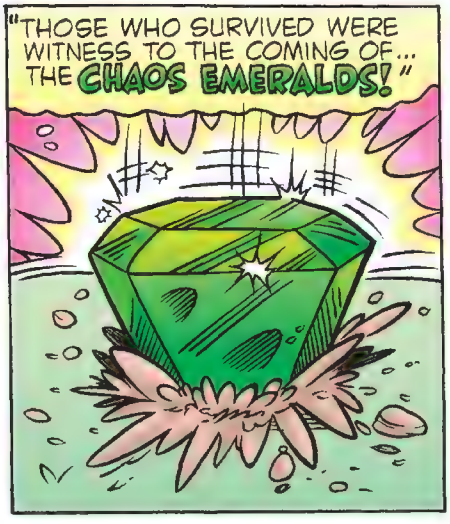

LOOK OWWW!
unghh!
ZOOM...
WHOUFF!
EEK!
MWA-HA-HAAA! MASH THEM MY MONSTROUS MECHANICAL MERINO!*
*"MERINO" ALSO MEANS "RAM!" -- EDITOR


ELSEWHERE:
"EONS AGO, THE YOUNG SUN BURNED BRIGHTLY ON ITS NEWLY SPAWNED WORLD, MOBIUS! LIFE EVOLVED SLOWLY UNTIL THE FIRST WALKER EMERGED FROM THE PRIMORDIAL OOZE...
gloop...
OOZY DOES IT!

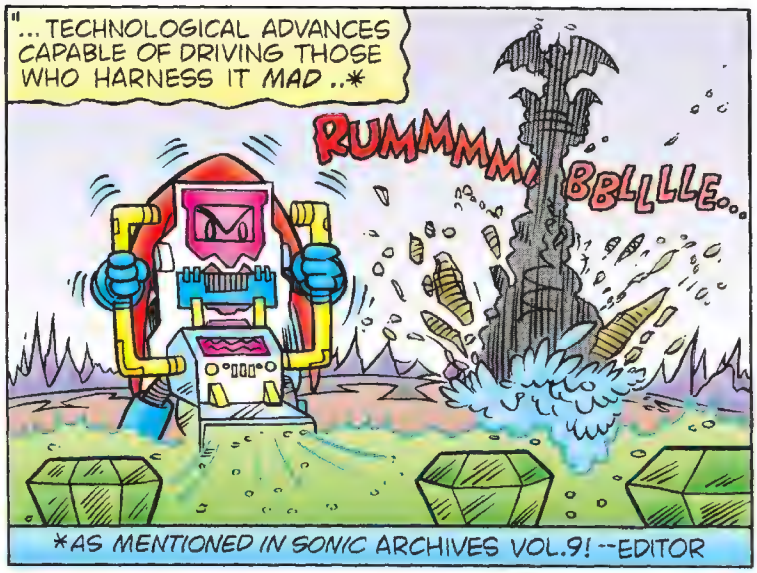

"CENTURIES PASSED AND SENTIENT CREATURES CONTINUED TO DEVELOP USHERING IN THE SAURIAN AGE...

"A BRUTAL BALANCE WAS STRUCK AND THIS SIMPLE SOCIETY THRIVED-- UNTIL THE SKY ABOVE TURNED GREEN!


"BEAUTY AND TERROR COMBINED AS THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND THE HARD HAIL FELL UPON ALL!
Bonk


"THOSE WHO SURVIVED WERE WITNESS TO THE COMING OF... THE CHAOS EMERALDS!"

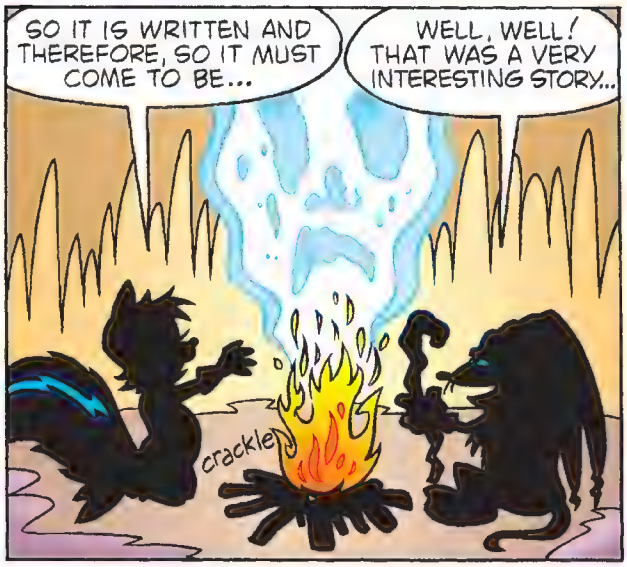
"OVER CENTURIES, THESE CRYSTALS HAVE INSPIRED MANY CULTURAL WONDERS:
"PAGAN WORSHIP...


"... TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES CAPABLE OF DRIVING THOSE WHO HARNESS IT MAD ..*
RUMMMMM BBLLLLE...
*AS MENTOMED IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.9! --EDITOR

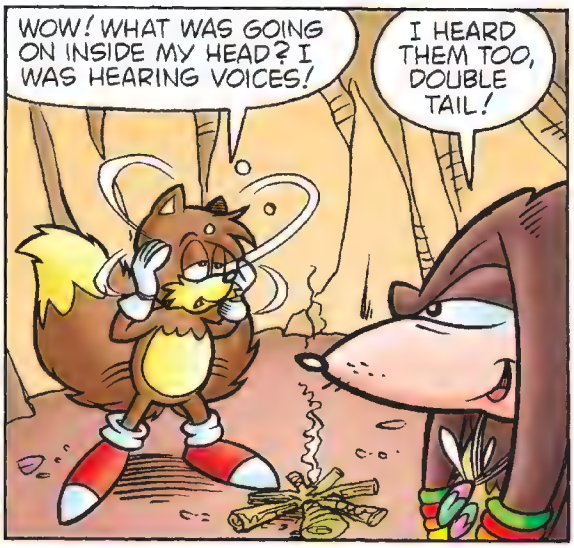
"... AND IN HANDS OF PURE EVIL, THEY CAN BE CORRUPTED INTO WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION!

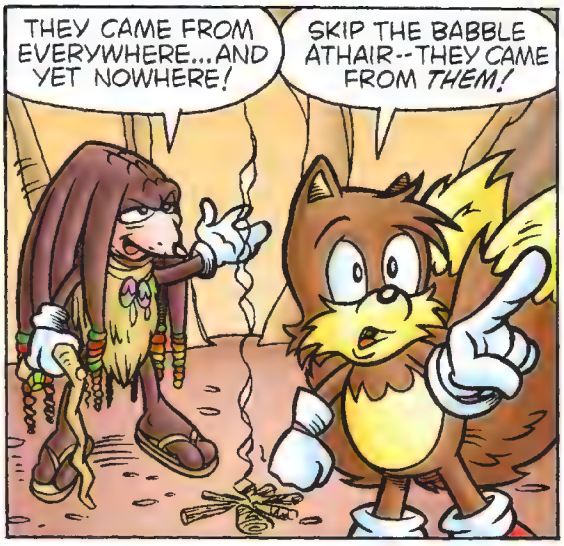
"BUT, ABSOLUTE ENERGY CANNOT BE CREATED OR DESTROYED--
"--THE INFINITE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHALL REALIGN FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE!

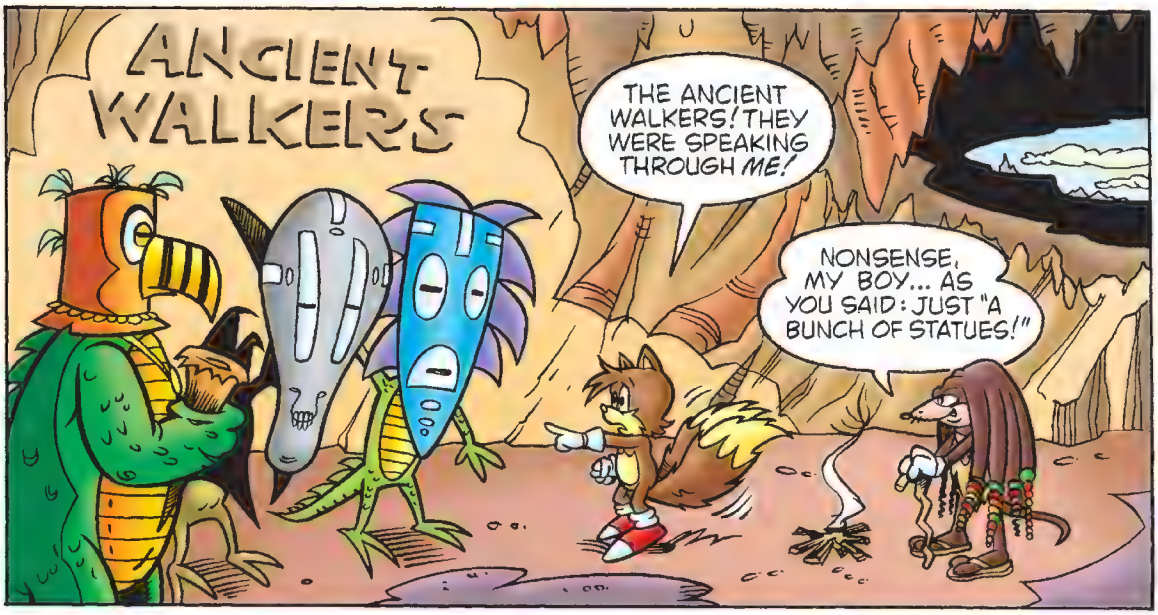
"THE CHOSEN ONE WHO SHALL GATHER THEM WILL WALK AMONGST YOU...
"... AND THE GREAT HARMONY SHALL BEGIN!"


SO IT IS WRITTEN AND THEREFORE, SO IT MUST COME TO BE...
WELL, WELL! THAT WAS A VERY INTERESTING STORY...
crackle

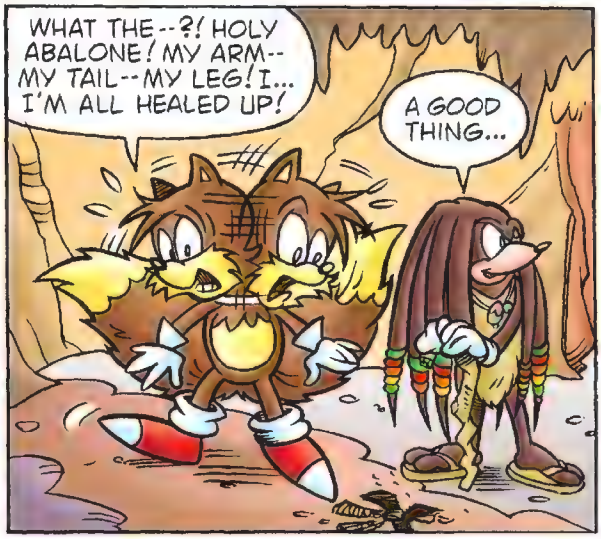
...TAILS!
HUH? WHA--WHO?.. WH-WHERE AM I ?!
fizzle...

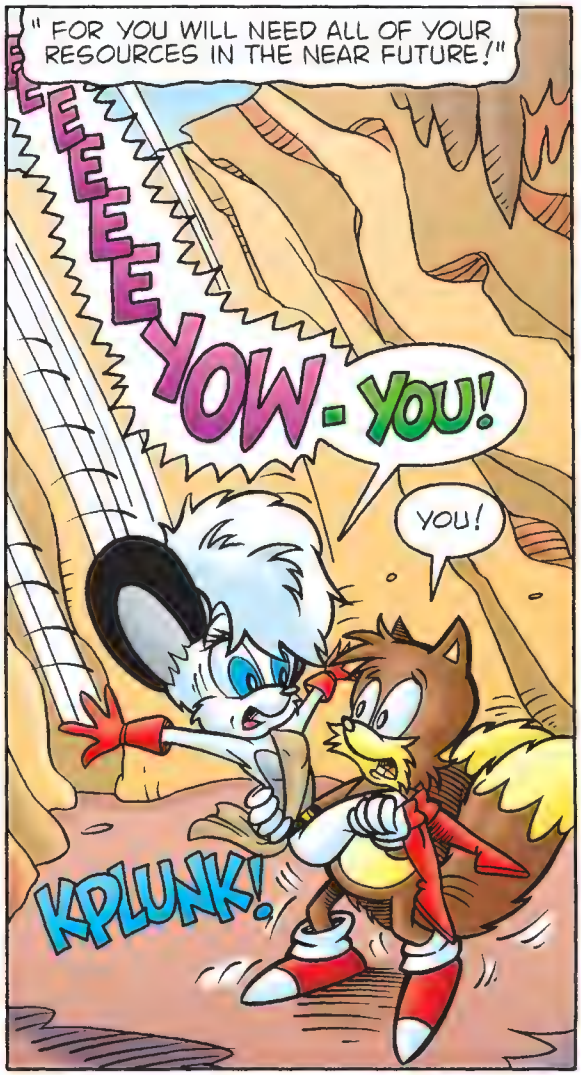

WOW! WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE MY HEAD? I WAS HEARING VOICES!
I HEARD THEM TOO, DOUBLE TAIL!

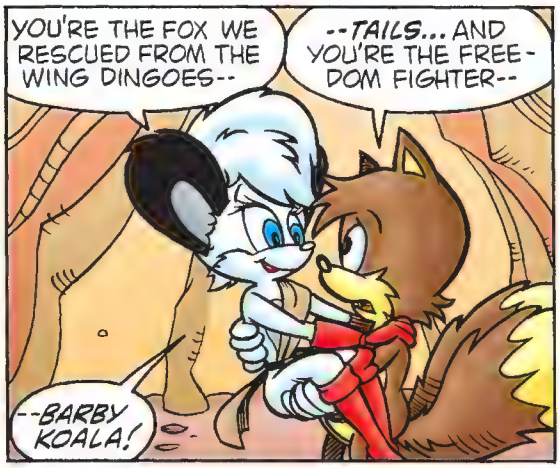

THEY CAME FROM EVERYWHERE...AND YET NOWHERE!
SKIP THE BABBLE ATHAIR--THEY CAME FROM *THEM!*


ANCIENT WALKERS
THE ANCIENT WALKERS! THEY WERE SPEAKING THROUGH *ME!*
NONSENSE, MY BOY... AS YOU SAID: JUST "A BUNCH OF STATUES!"

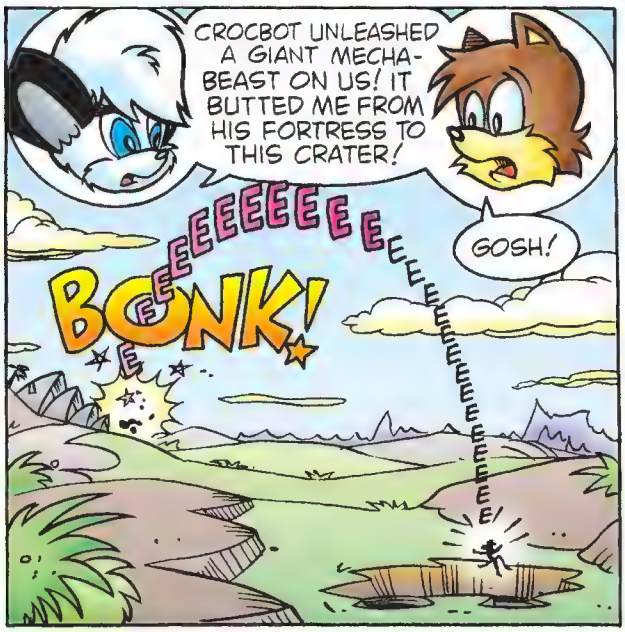
YEAH...RIGHT! HooHah! THOSE WING DINGOES MUST'VE INJURED ME WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!
WHAT INJURIES?


WHAT THE--?! HOLY ABALONE! MY ARM--MY TAIL--MY LEG! I... I'M ALL HEALED UP!
A GOOD THING...

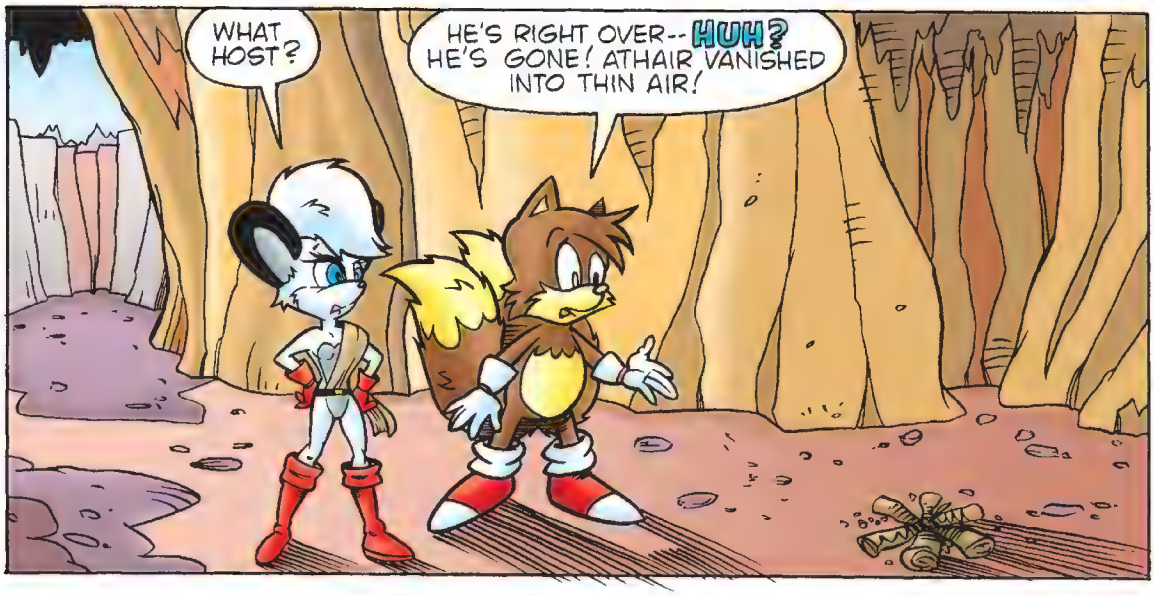

" FOR YOU WILL NEED ALL OF YOUR RESOURCES IN THE NEAR FUTURE!"
EEEEEEYOW-YOU!
YOU!
KPLUNK!

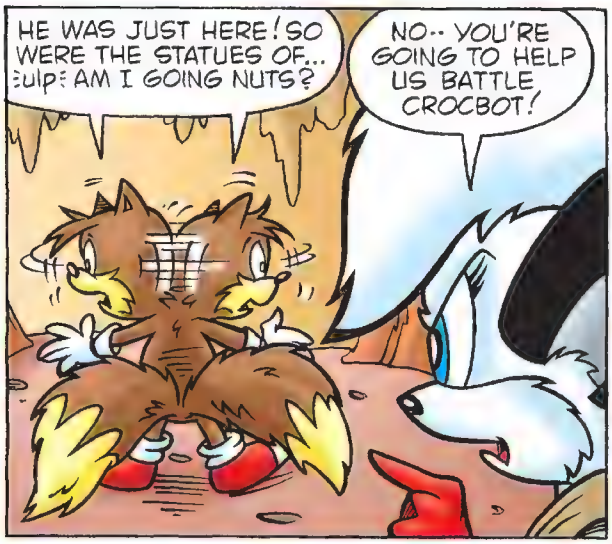

YOU'RE THE FOX WE RESCUED FROM THE WING DINGOES--
--TAILS... AND YOU'RE THE FREEDOM FIGHTER--
--BARBY KOALA!

RIGHT... NICE TO MEET YOU... BUT SINCE WHEN CAN KOALA BEARS FLY?
I WASN'T FLYING-- I WAS FALLING!

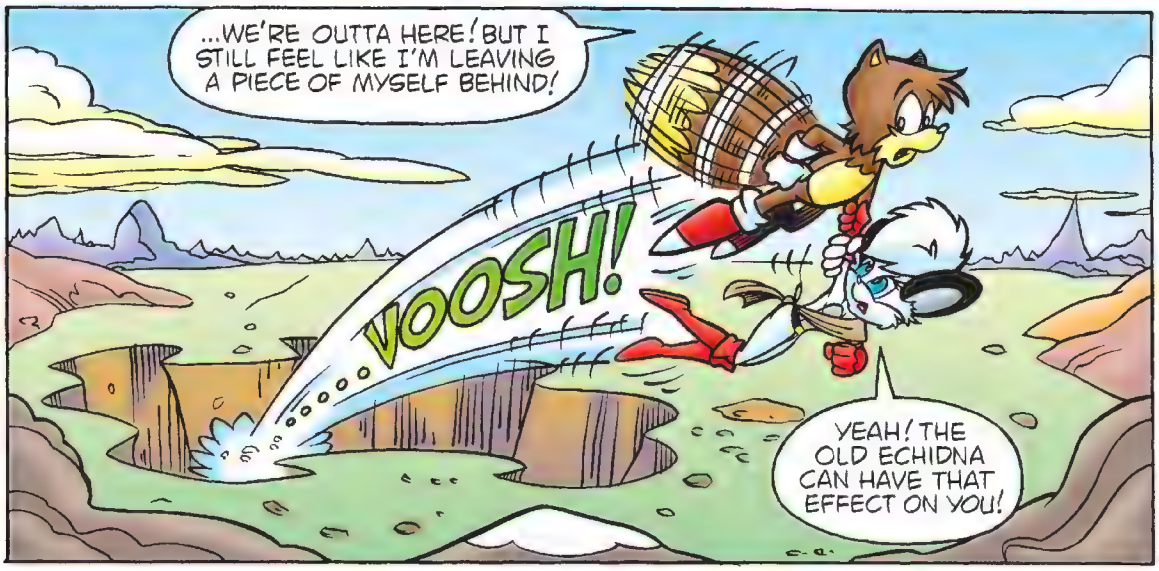

CROCBOT UNLEASHED A GIANT MECHA-BEAST ON US! IT BUTTED ME FROM HIS FORTRESS TO THIS CRATER!
GOSH!
BONK!

IT'S JUST WALT WALLABEE, GURU EMU AND DUCK "BILL" PLATYPUS LEFT TO FIGHT THE C.D. ROM RAM! WILL YOU HELP US OUT?
SURE! LET ME JUST SAY GOODBYE TO MY HOST...

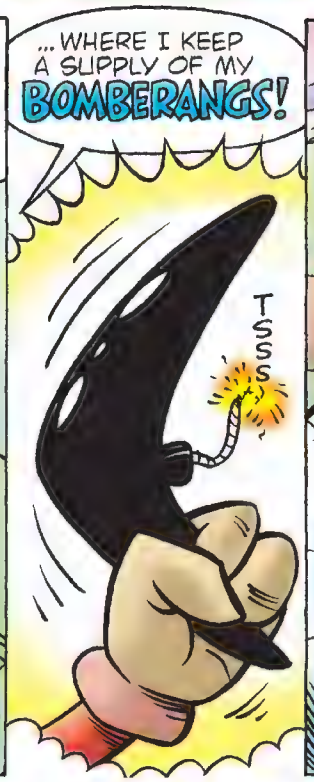

WHAT HOST?
HE'S RIGHT OVER-- HUH? HE'S GONE! ATHAIR VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

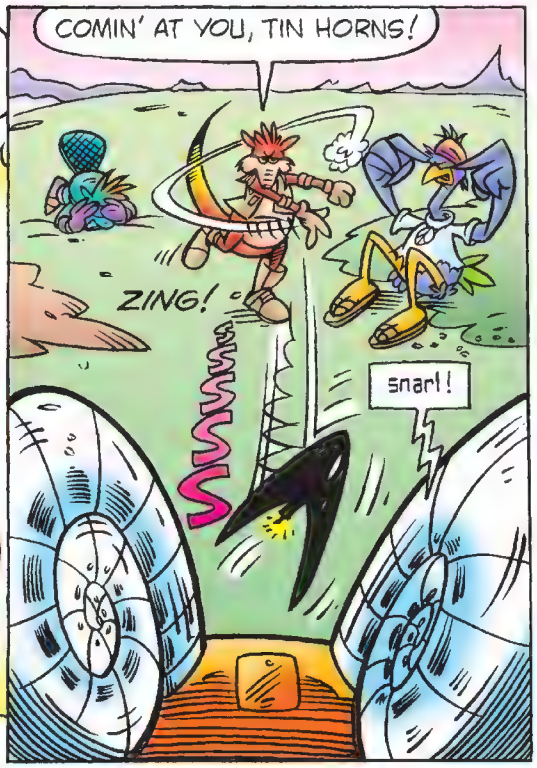

HE WAS JUST HERE! SO WERE THE STATUES OF... :ulp: AM I GOING NUTS?
NO-- YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US BATTLE CROCBOT!

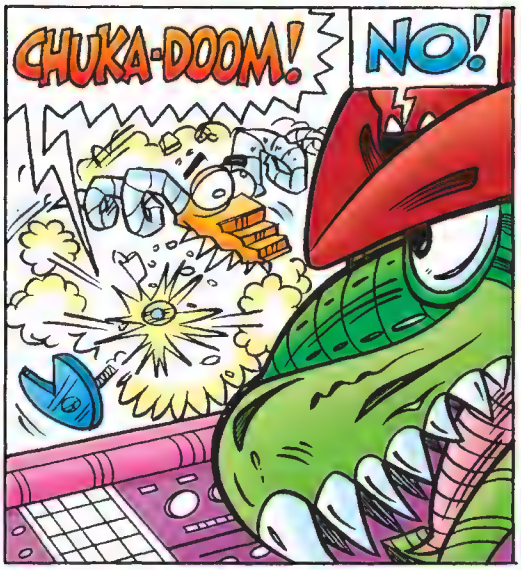
THAT EVIL ROBO-REPTILE'S ALREADY GOT WOMBAT STU! UNLESS WE HURRY, HE'LL CAPTURE THE OTHERS!
OKAY, BARBY...

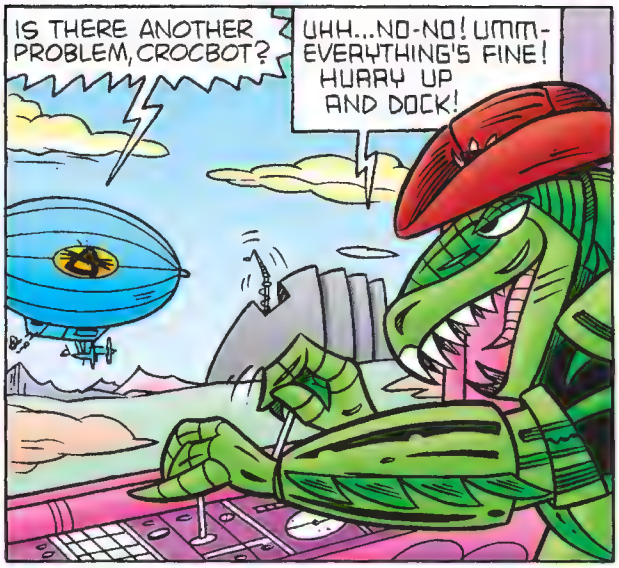

...WE'RE OUTTA HERE! BUT I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M LEAVING A PIECE OF MYSELF BEHIND!
VOOSH!
YEAH! THE OLD ECHIDNA CAN HAVE THAT EFFECT ON YOU!

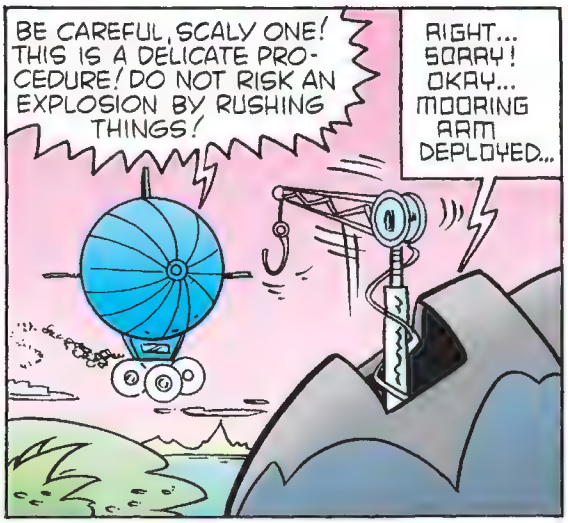
A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY:
ROBO-BLIMP CALLING CROCBOT--ARE YOU READY THIS TIME?
AFFIRMATIVE! THE PREVIOUS...err... PROBLEM HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!
AWK! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A FLIGHTLESS BIRD!
WHOOM!!!
OKAY... I'M THROUGH PLAYING AROUND!
OHH... MY ACHIN' BACK!

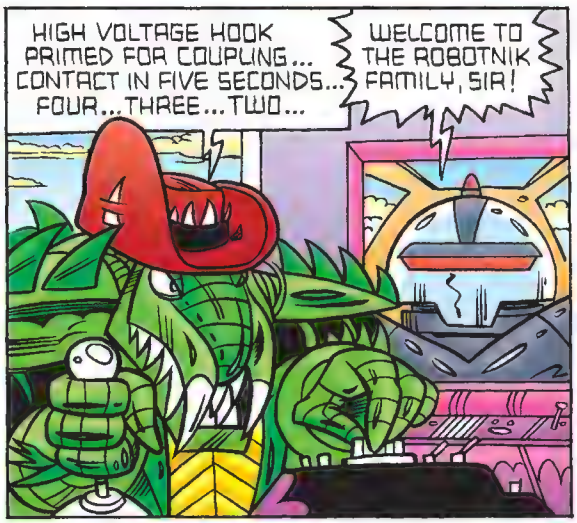


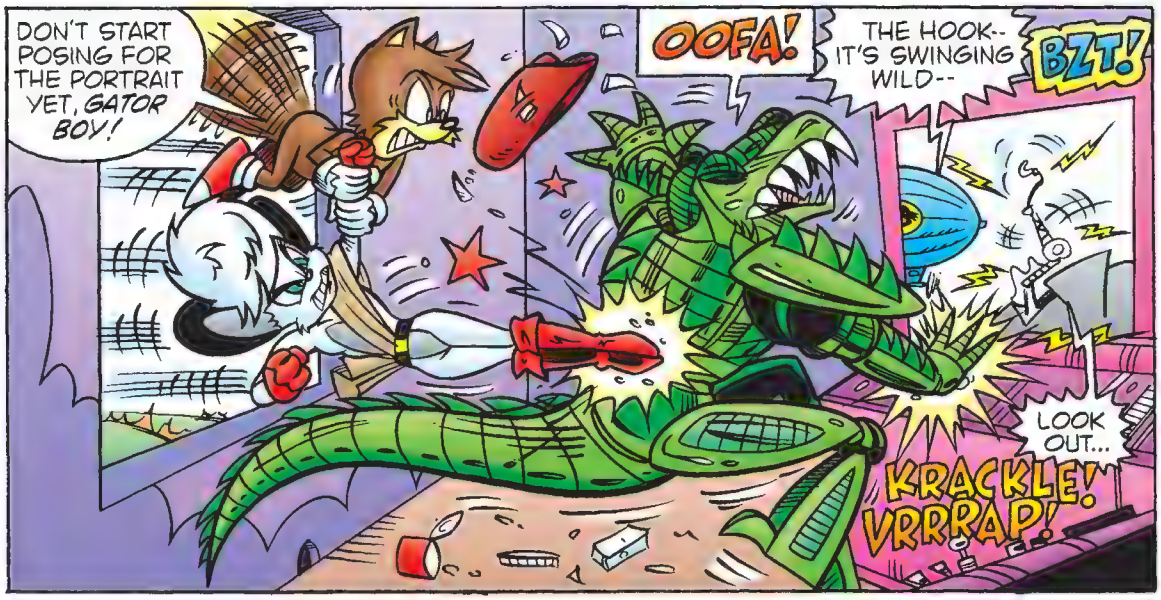



CHUKA-DOOM!
NO!

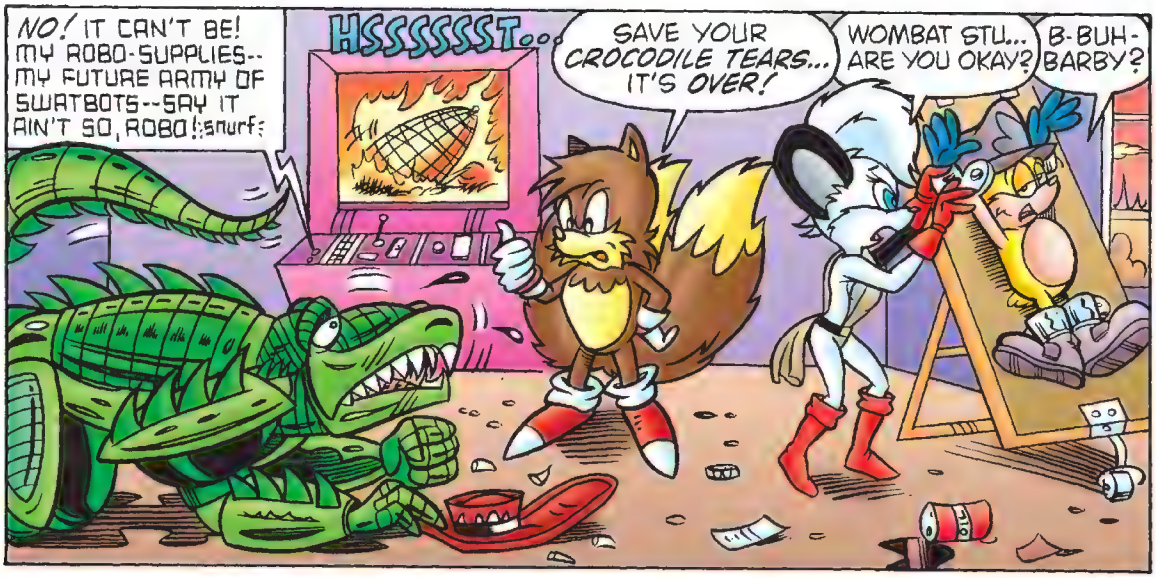

IS THERE ANOTHER PROBLEM, CROCBOT?
UHH...NO-NO! UMM- EVERYTHING'S FINE! HURRY UP AND DOCK!

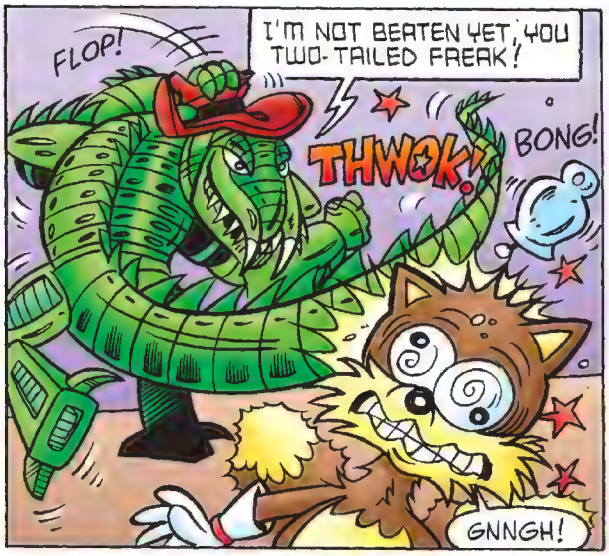

BE CAREFUL, SCALY ONE! THIS IS A DELICATE PROCEDURE! DO NOT RISK AN EXPLOSION BY RUSHING THINGS!
RIGHT... SORRY! OKAY... MOORING ARM DEPLOYED...

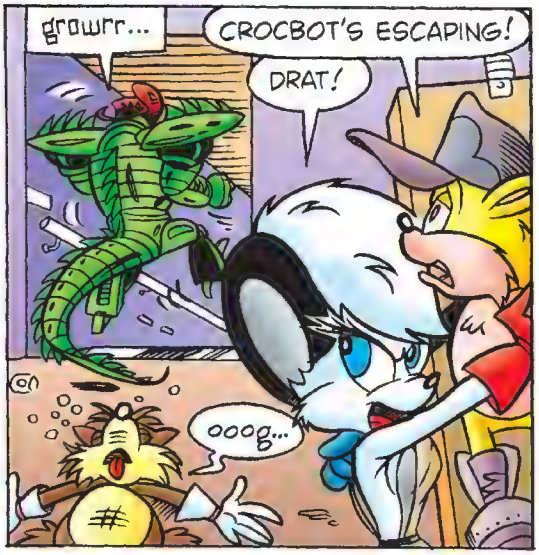

HIGH VOLTAGE HOOK PRIMED FOR COUPLING... CONTACT IN FIVE SECONDS... FOUR... THREE... TWO...
WELCOME TO THE ROBOTNIK FAMILY, SIR!

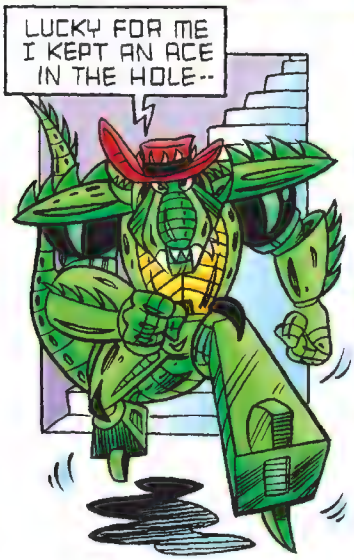

DON'T START POSING FOR THE PORTRAIT YET, GATOR BOY!
OOFA!
THE HOOK-- IT'S SWINGING WILD--
BZT!
LOOK OUT...
KRACKLE! VRRRAP!

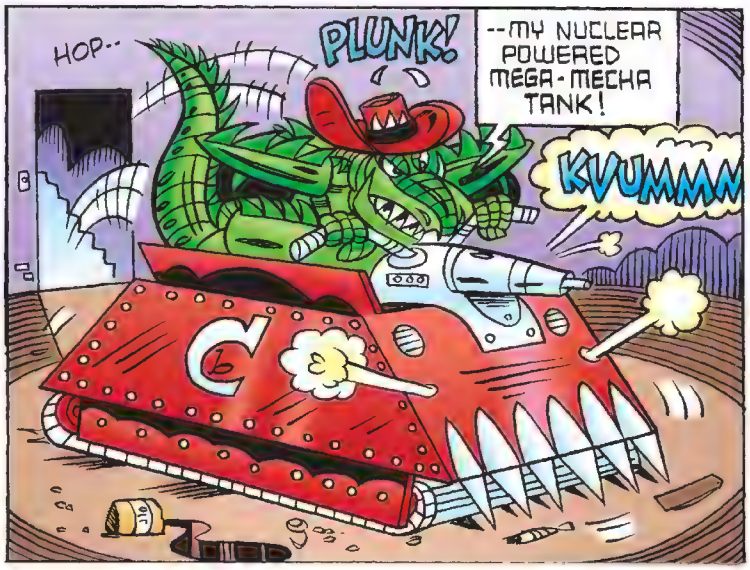
SKRAKA-BOOOOM!
OH--
--THE--
--HUMANITY!

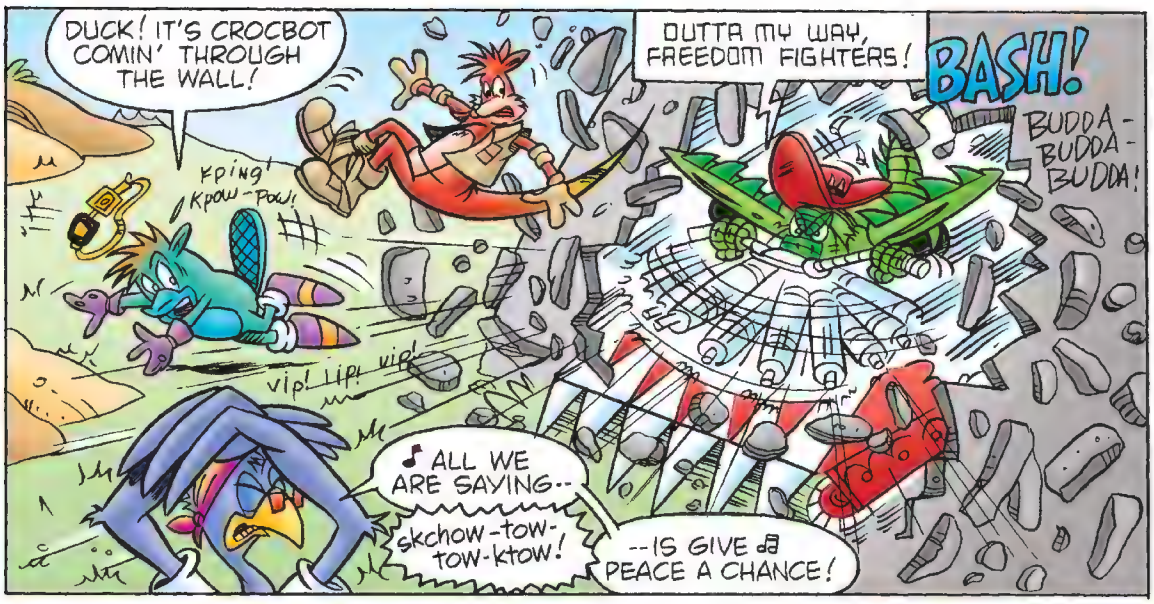

NO! IT CAN'T BE! MY ROBO-SUPPLIES-- MY FUTURE ARMY OF SWATBOTS--SAY IT AIN'T SO, ROBO! snurf
HSSSSSST...
SAVE YOUR CROCODILE TEARS... IT'S OVER!
WOMBAT STU... ARE YOU OKAY?
B-BUH-BARBY?

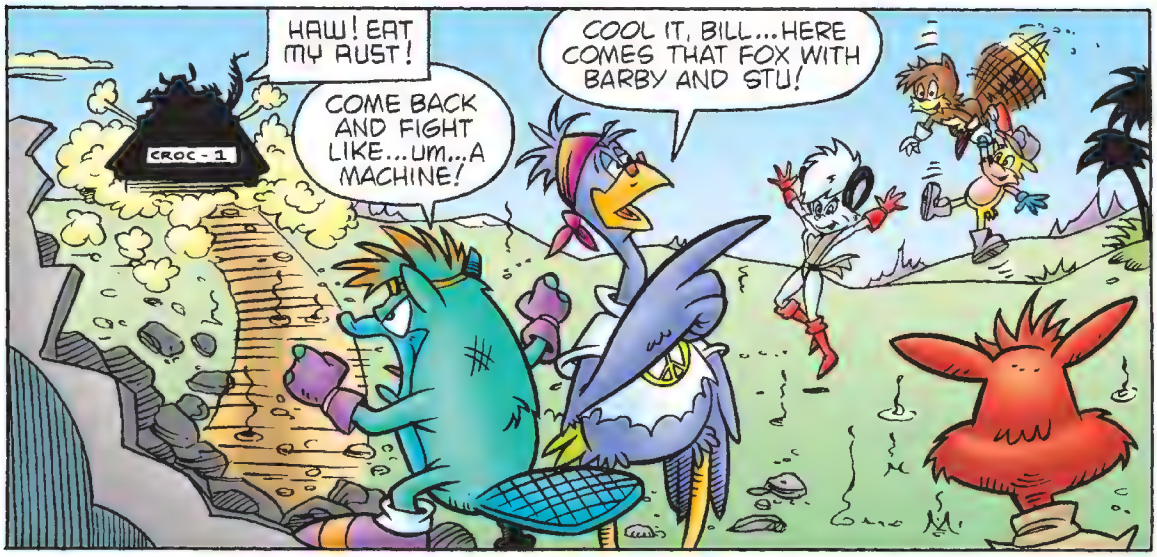

FLOP!
I'M NOT BEATEN YET, YOU TWO-TAILED FREAK!
THWOK!
BONG!
GNNGH!

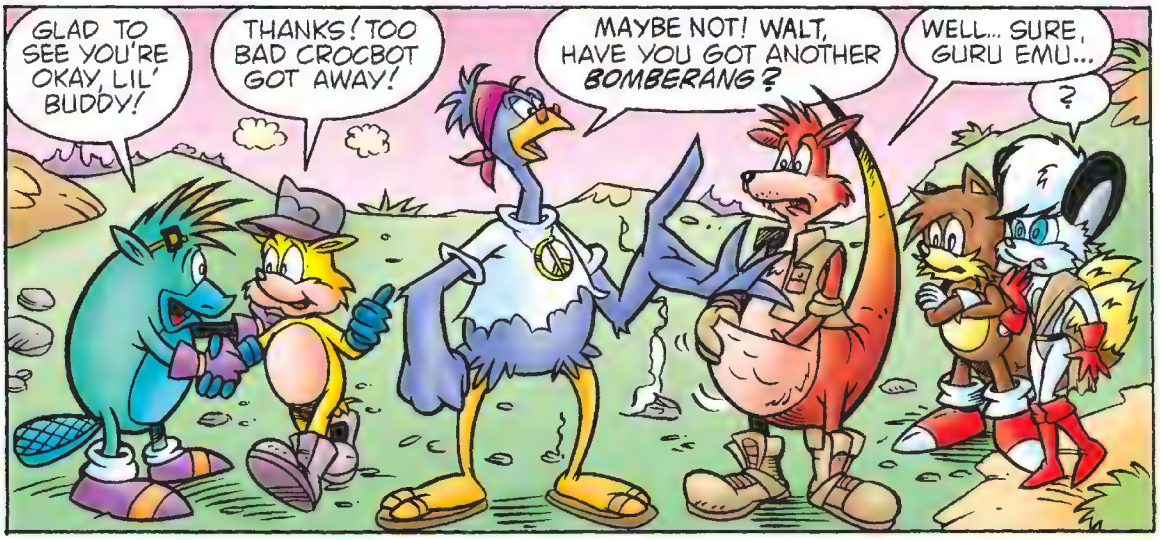

growrr...
CROCBOT'S ESCAPING!
DRAT!
oooog...


LUCKY FOR ME I KEPT AN ACE IN THE HOLE--


HOP--
PLUNK!
--MY NUCLEAR POWERED MEGA-MECHA TANK!
KVUMMM


DUCK! IT'S CROCBOT COMIN' THROUGH THE WALL!
OUTTA MY WAY, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
BASH!
BUDDA-BUDDA-BUDDA!
Kping! Kpow-Pow!
vip! Lip! vip!
♪ ALL WE ARE SAYING--
skchow-tow-tow-ktow!
--IS GIVE ♫ PEACE A CHANCE!


HAW! EAT MY RUST!
CROC-1
COME BACK AND FIGHT LIKE...um...A MACHINE!
COOL IT, BILL...HERE COMES THAT FOX WITH BARBY AND STU!


GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE OKAY, LIL' BUDDY!
THANKS! TOO BAD CROCBOT GOT AWAY!
MAYBE NOT! WALT, HAVE YOU GOT ANOTHER *BOMBERANG*?
WELL... SURE, GURU EMU...
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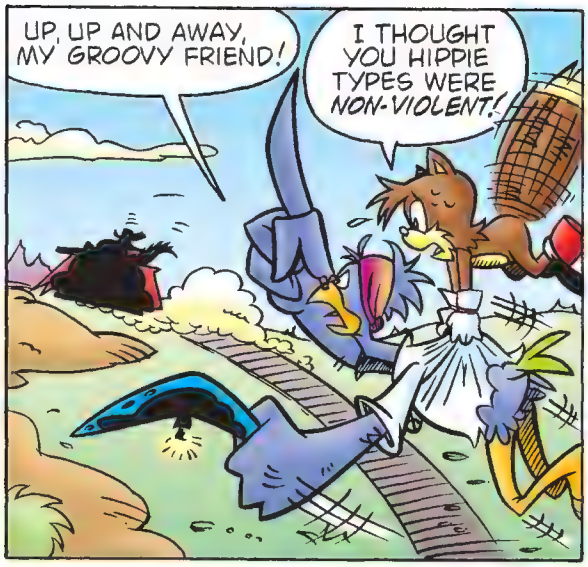
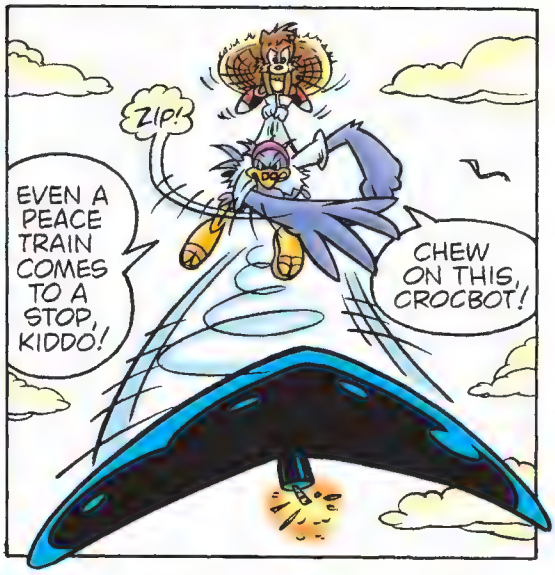
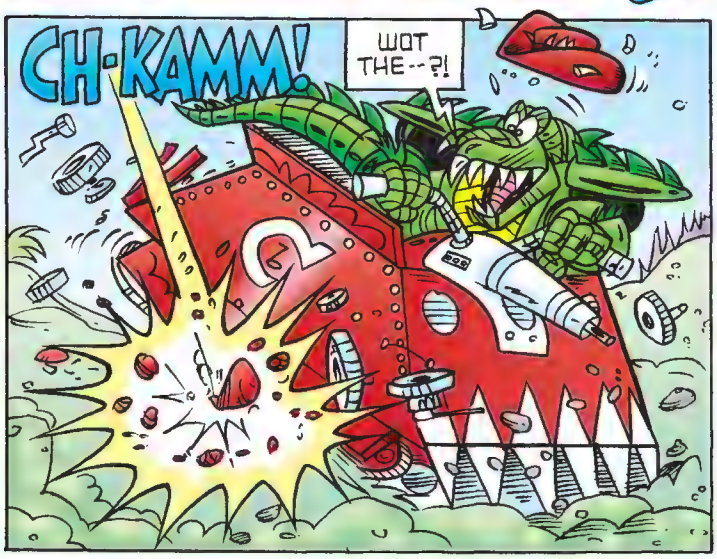
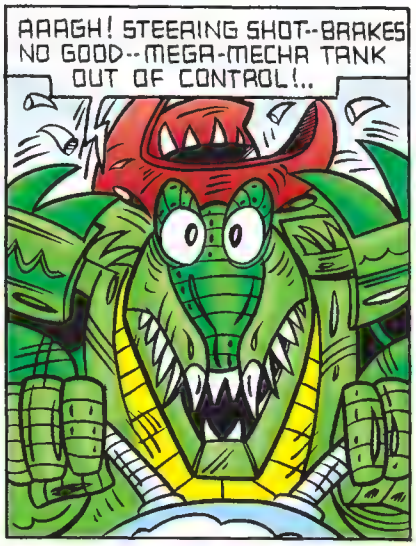
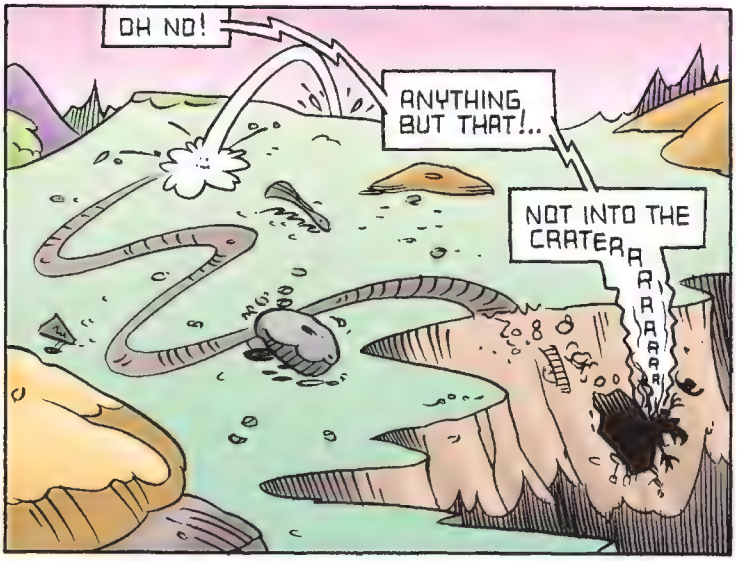
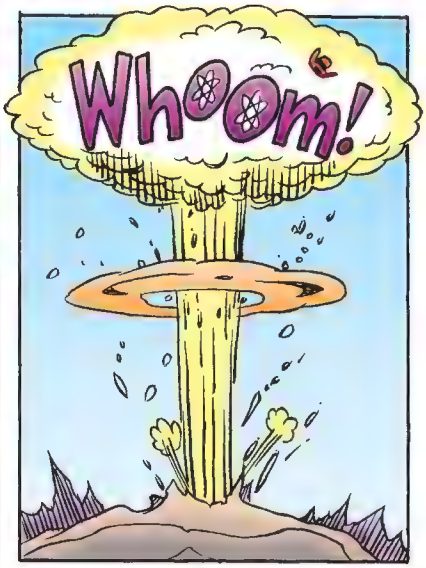

UP, UP AND AWAY, MY GROOVY FRIEND!
I THOUGHT YOU HIPPIE TYPES WERE NON-VIOLENT!


ZIP!
EVEN A PEACE TRAIN COMES TO A STOP, KIDDO!
CHEW ON THIS, CROCBOT!


CH-KAMM!
WOT THE--?!


AAAGH! STEERING SHOT--BRAKES NO GOOD--MEGA-MECHA TANK OUT OF CONTROL!..


OH NO!
ANYTHING BUT THAT!..
NOT INTO THE CRATER
AAAAAA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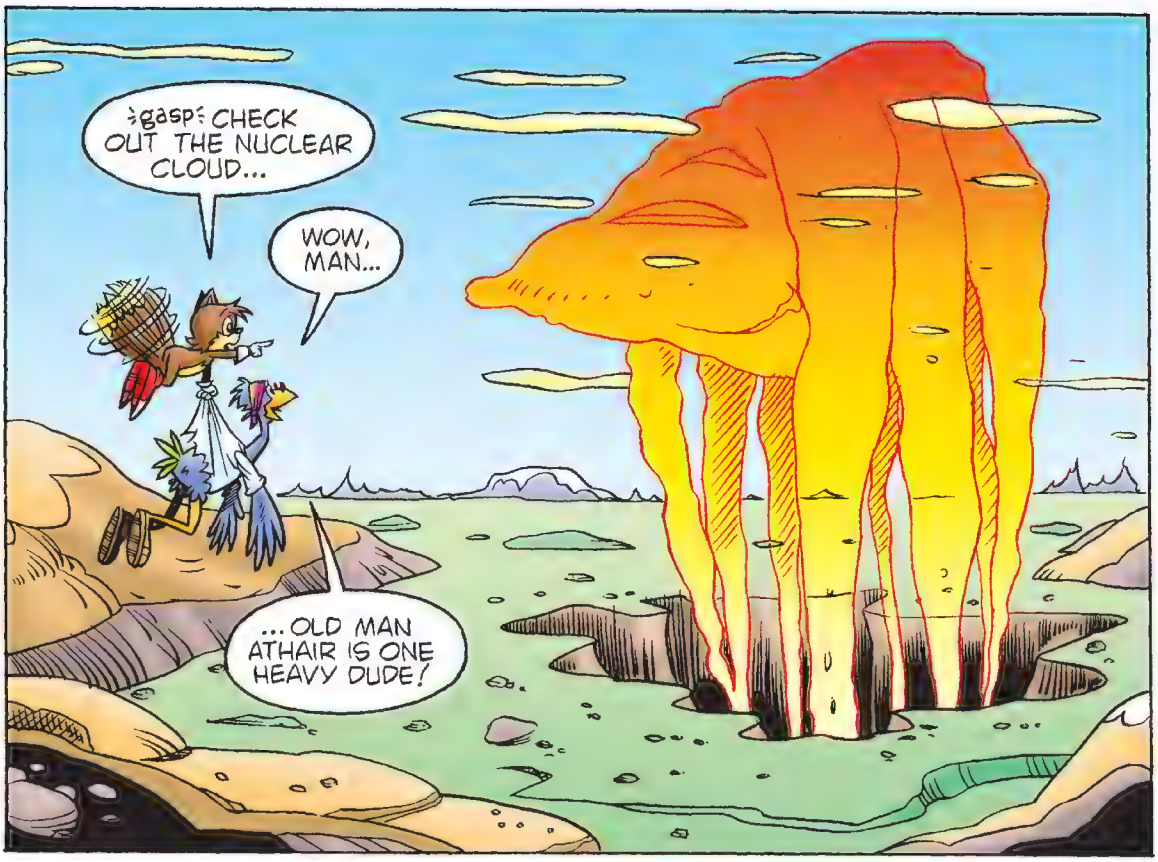
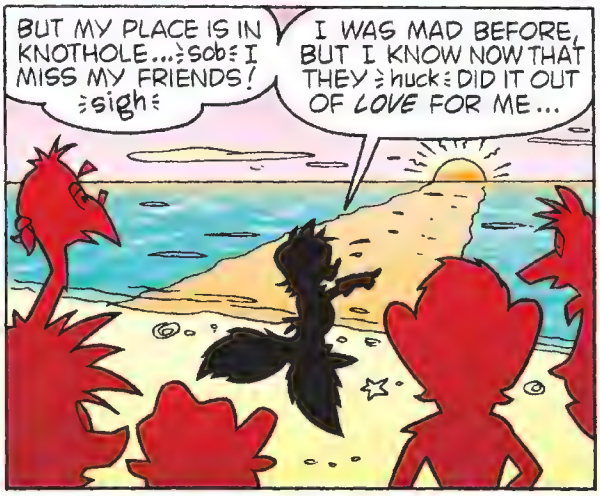
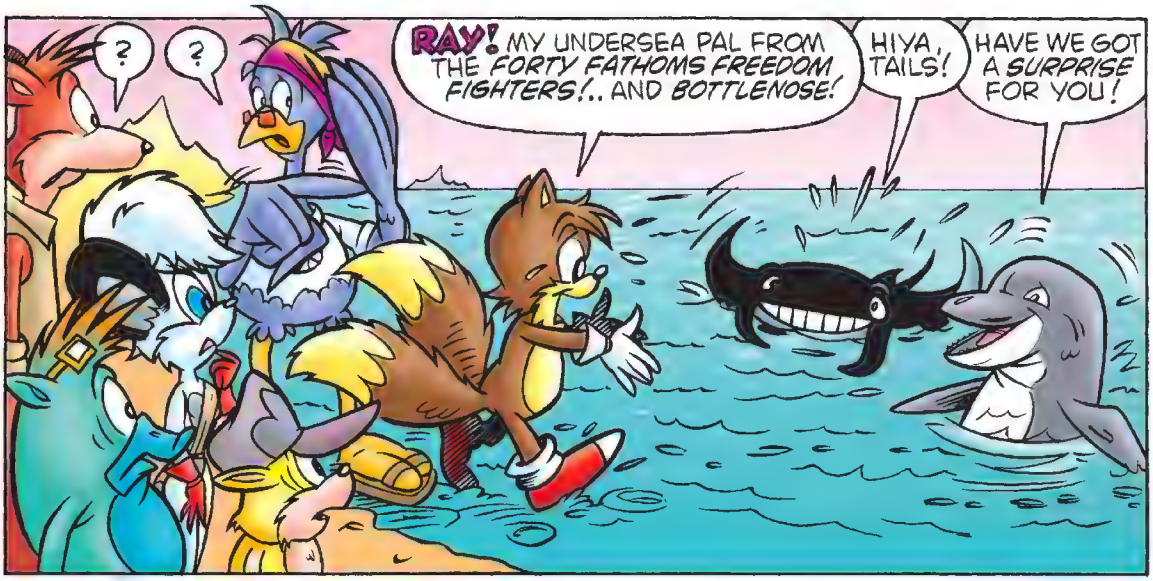

{gasp} CHECK OUT THE NUCLEAR CLOUD...
WOW, MAN...
...OLD MAN ATHAIR IS ONE HEAVY DUDE!

SOME TIME LATER, BACK AT THE BEACH...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T RECONSIDER, MATE? WE'D BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YOU'D LEARN TO LOVE IT HERE, TAILS!
I...I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OFFER...{choke}


BUT MY PLACE IS IN KNOTHOLE...{sob} I MISS MY FRIENDS! {sigh}
I WAS MAD BEFORE, BUT I KNOW NOW THAT THEY {huck} DID IT OUT OF LOVE FOR ME...

THE TROUBLE IS, NOW THAT I WANT TO GO HOME, I CAN'T GET THERE... {sniffle}
HEY, C'MON! IT'S ALREADY SALTY DOWN HERE!
sploot!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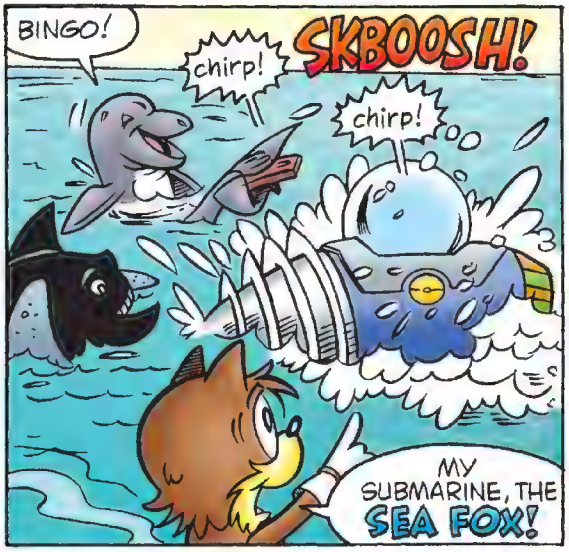
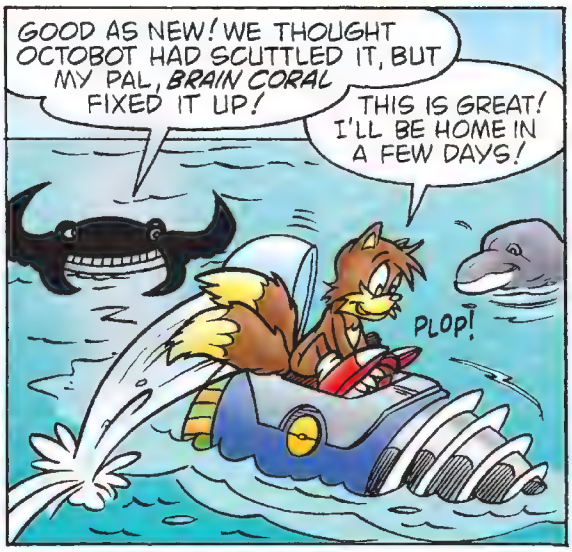
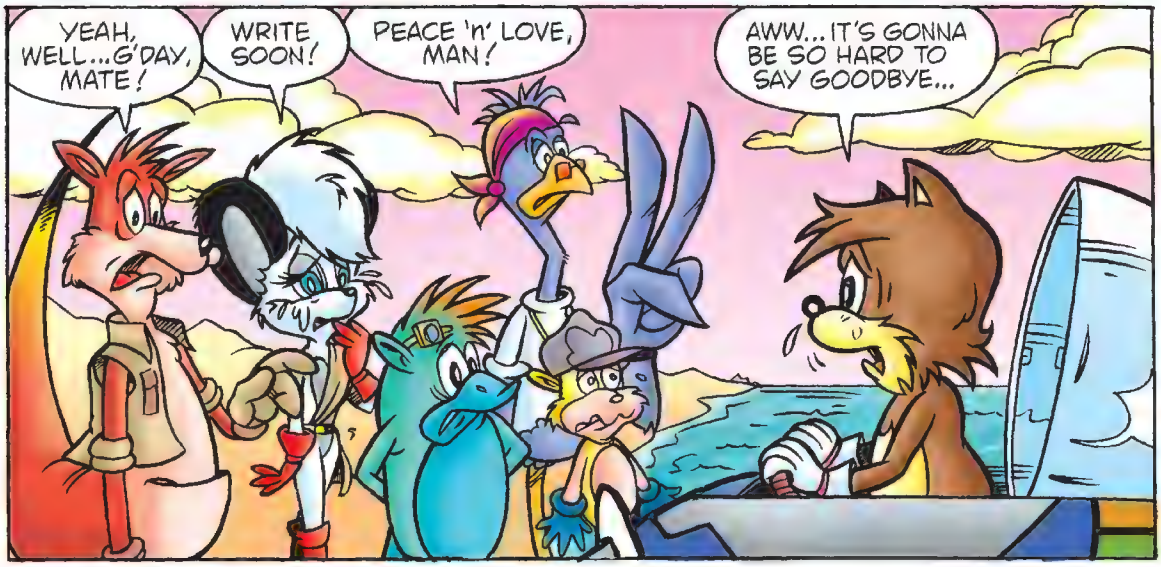
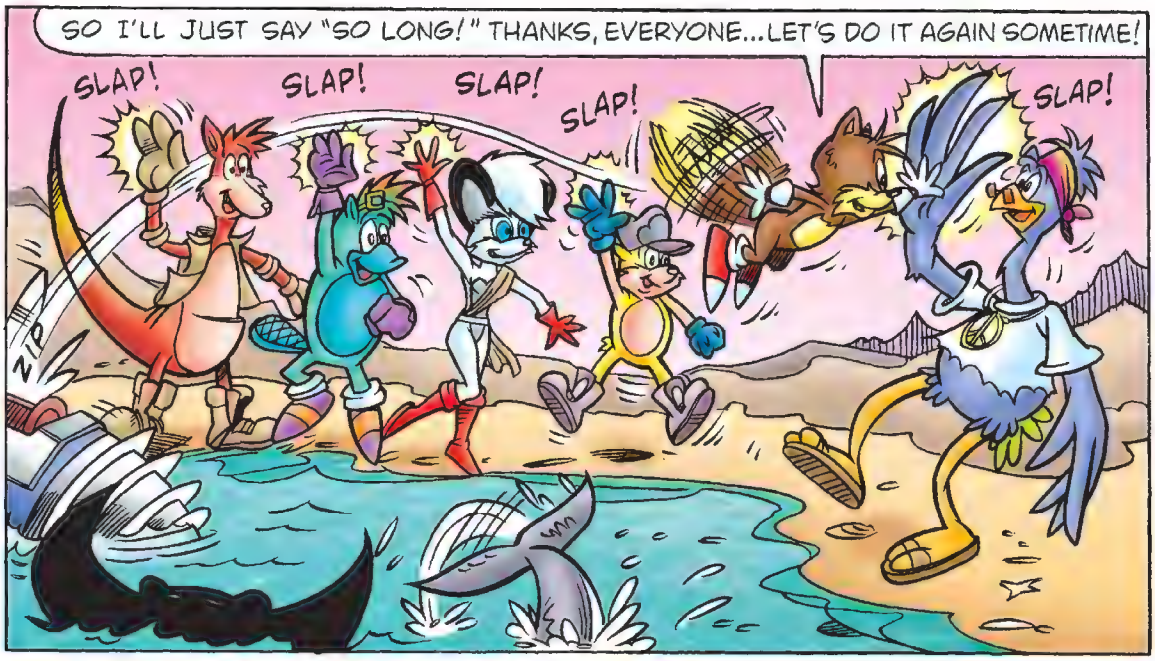
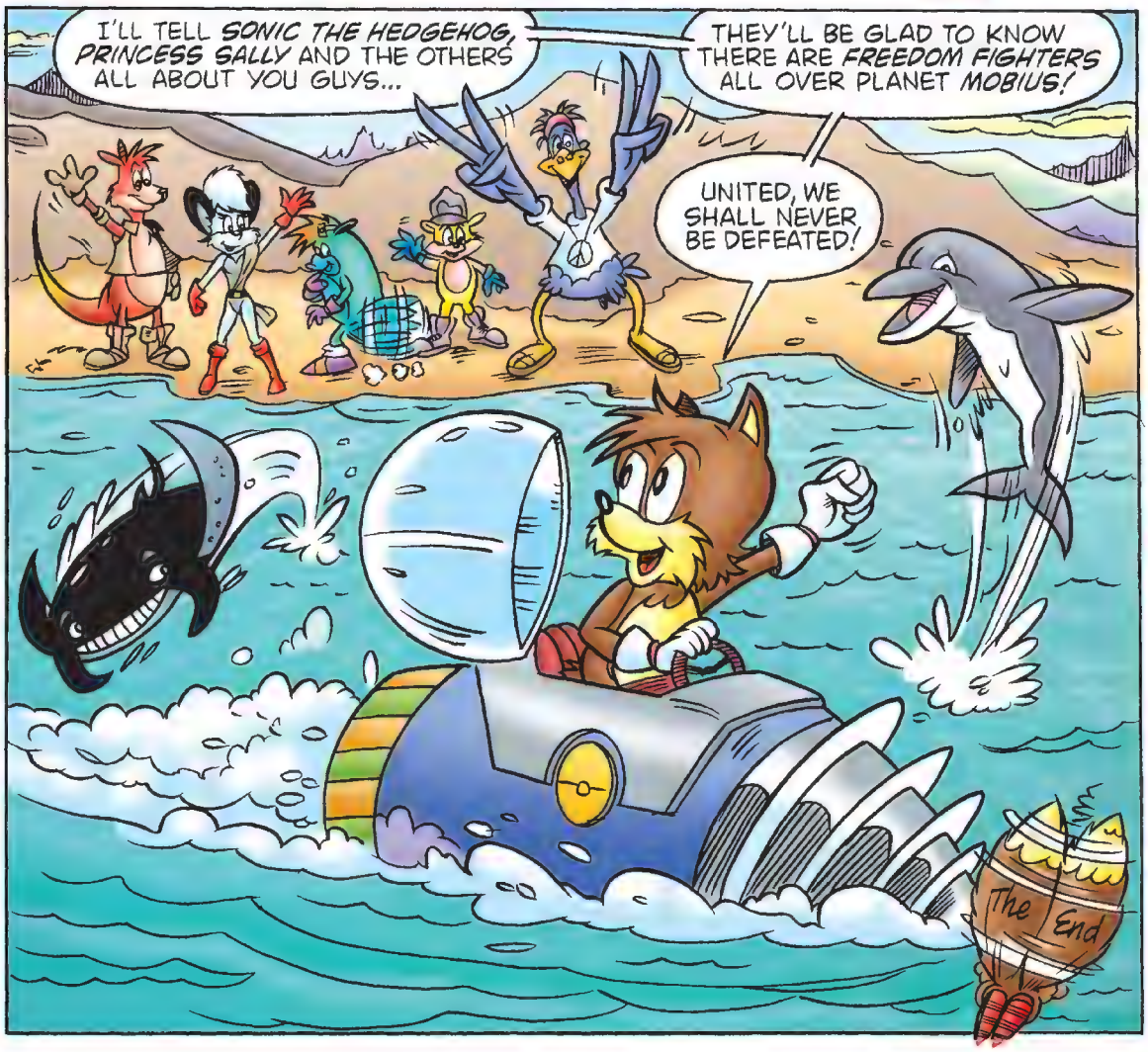
RAY! MY UNDERSEA PAL FROM THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!.. AND BOTTLENOSE!
HIYA, TAILS!
HAVE WE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!


BINGO!
chirp!
SKBOOSH!
chirp!
MY SUBMARINE, THE SEA FOX!


GOOD AS NEW! WE THOUGHT OCTOBOT HAD SCUTTLED IT, BUT MY PAL, BRAIN CORAL FIXED IT UP!
THIS IS GREAT! I'LL BE HOME IN A FEW DAYS!
PLOP!


YEAH, WELL...G'DAY, MATE!
WRITE SOON!
PEACE 'n' LOVE, MAN!
AWW... IT'S GONNA BE SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE...


SO I'LL JUST SAY "SO LONG!" THANKS, EVERYONE...LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOMETIME!
SLAP!
SLAP!
SLAP!
SLAP!
SLAP!
ZIP


I'LL TELL *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, *PRINCESS SALLY* AND THE OTHERS ALL ABOUT YOU GUYS...
THEY'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THERE ARE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* ALL OVER PLANET *MOBIUS!*
UNITED, WE SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!
The End

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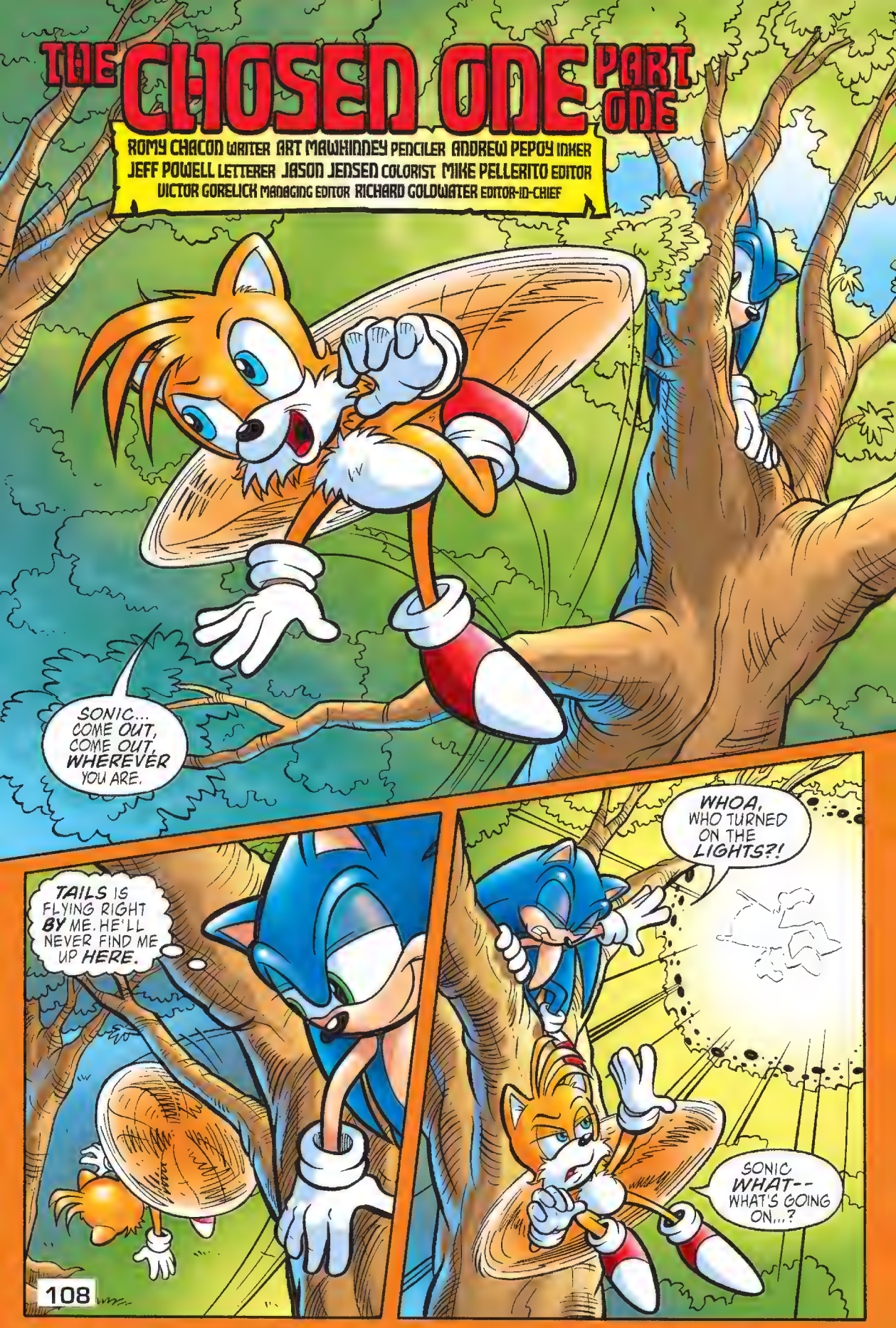

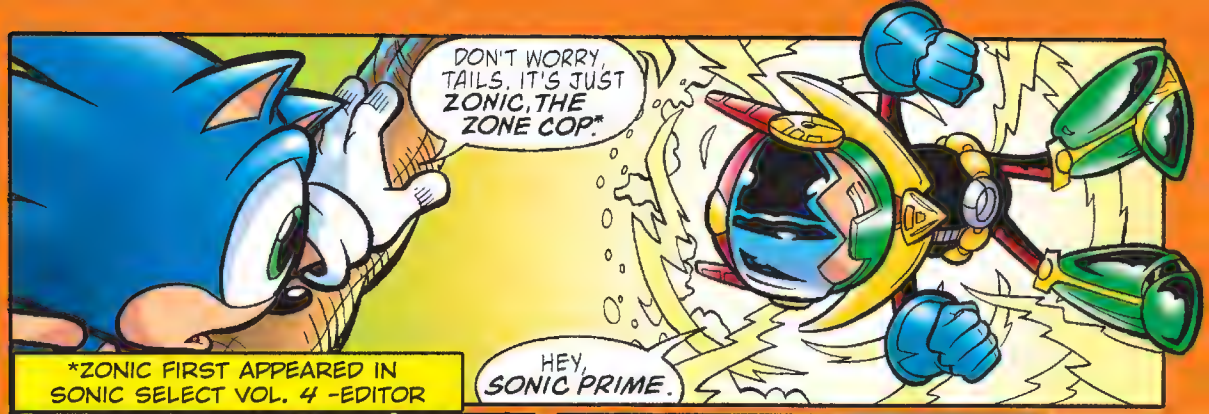

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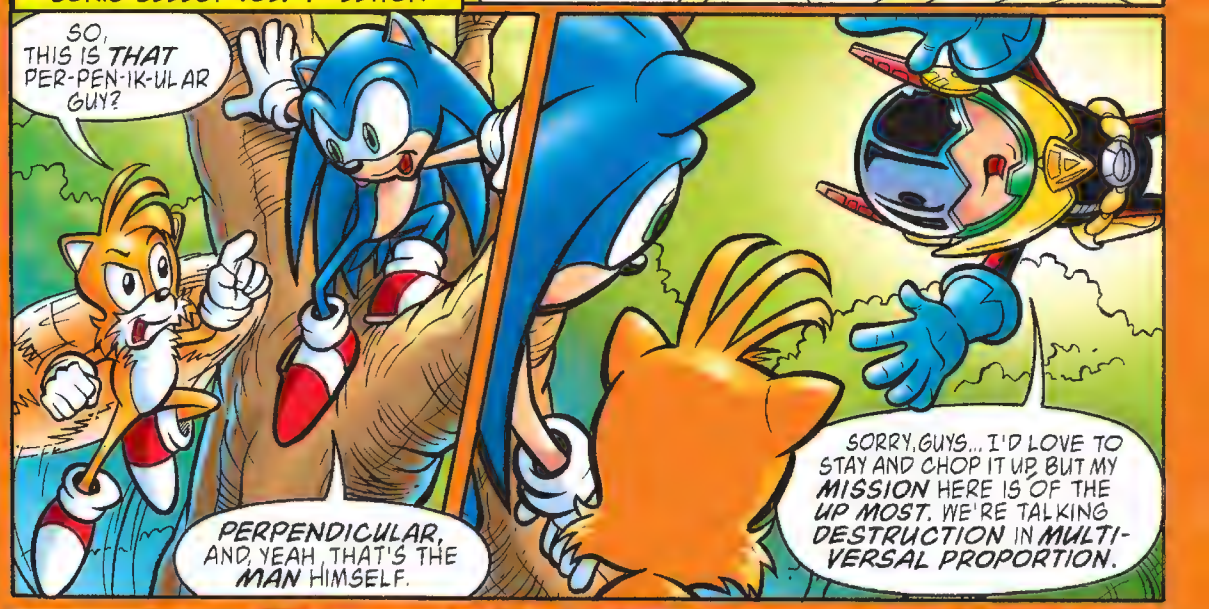
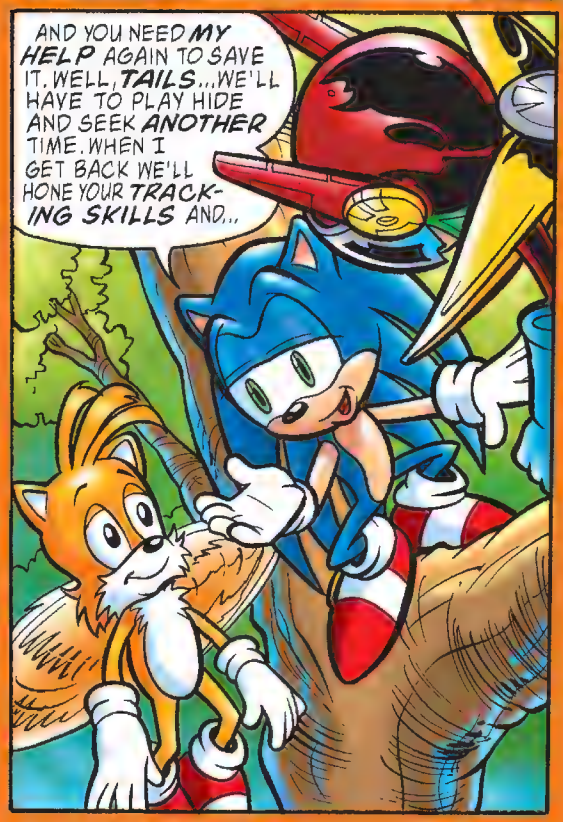
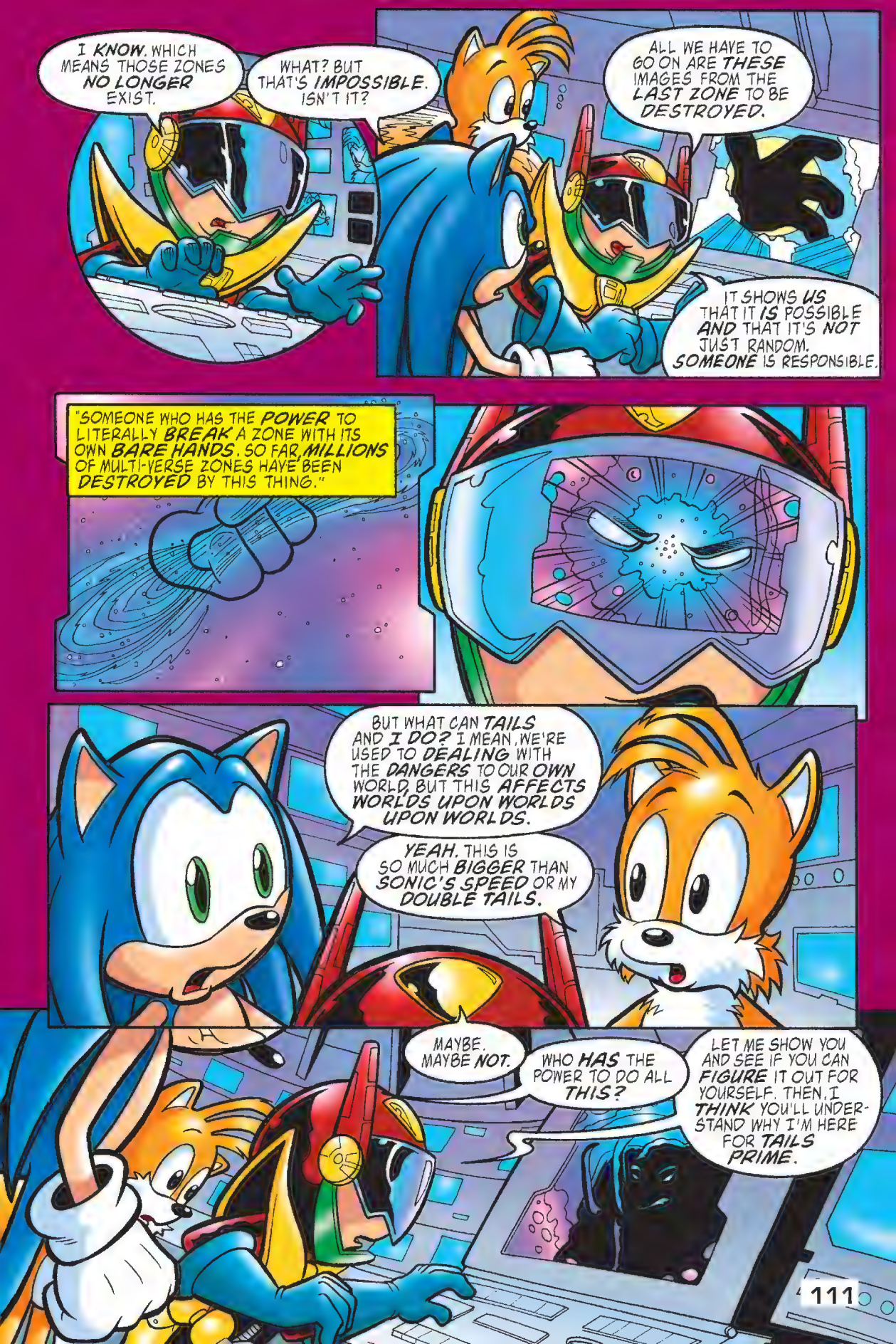
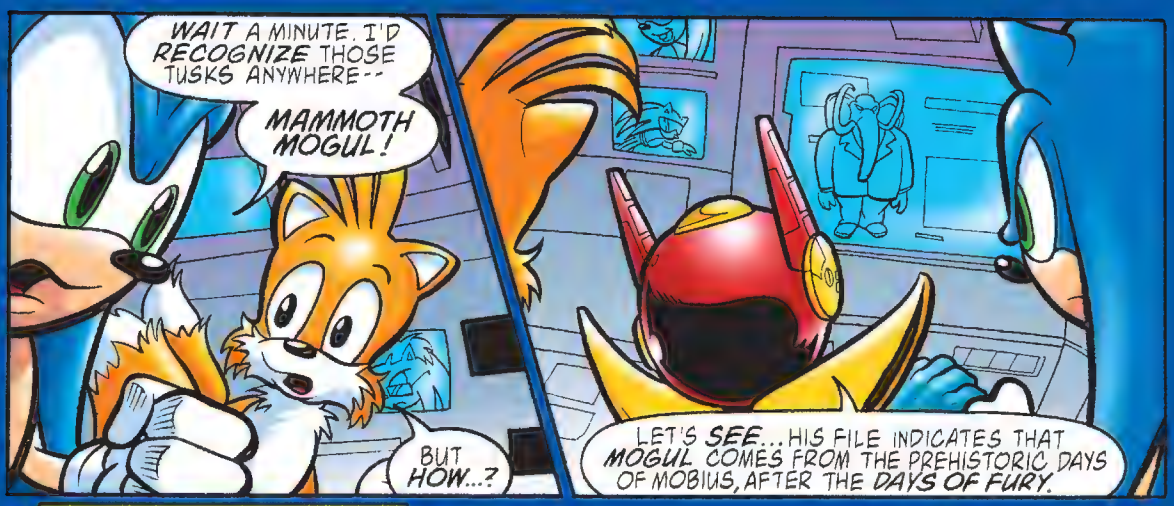
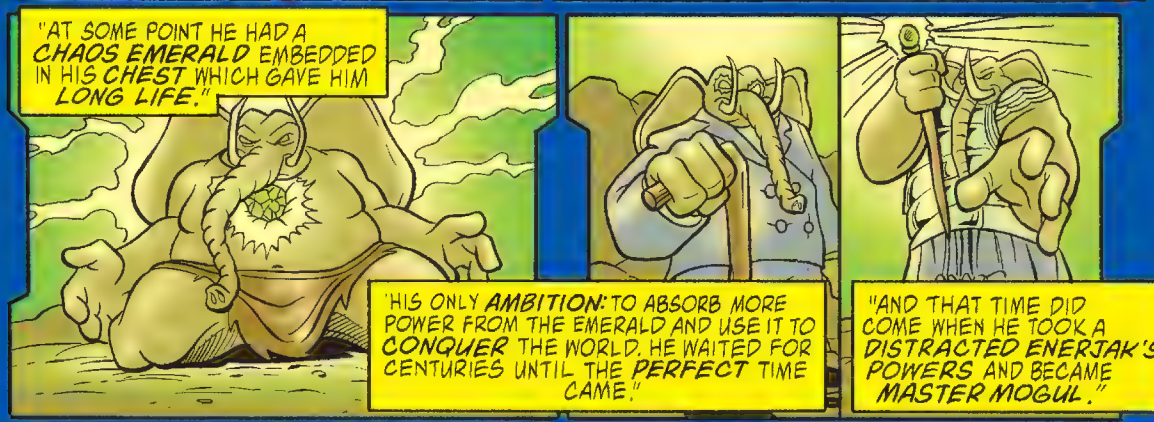


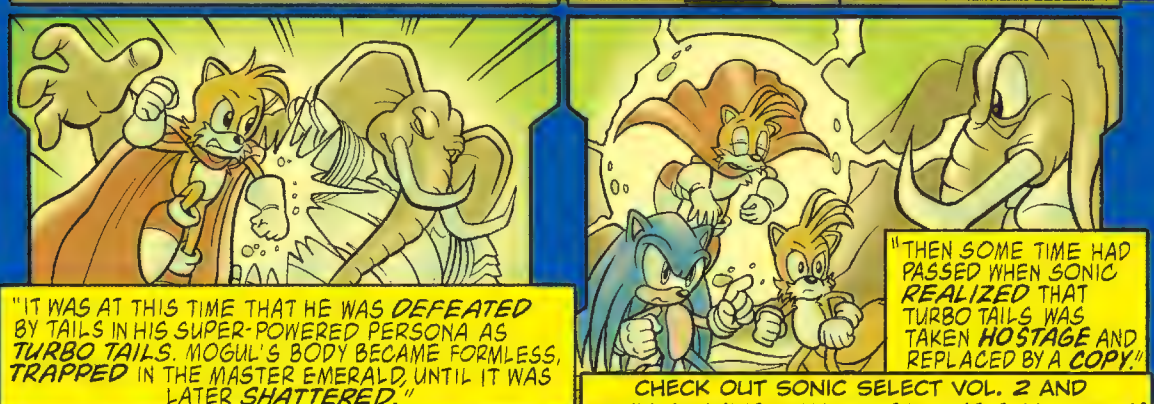


*REMEMBER ALL THE ALTERNATE MOBIUSES? SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 3 AND VOL. 5 -EDITOR


I KNOW. WHICH MEANS THOSE ZONES NO LONGER EXIST.
WHAT? BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ISN'T IT?
ALL WE HAVE TO GO ON ARE THESE IMAGES FROM THE LAST ZONE TO BE DESTROYED.
IT SHOWS US THAT IT IS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT'S NOT JUST RANDOM. SOMEONE IS RESPONSIBLE.
"SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO LITERALLY BREAK A ZONE WITH ITS OWN BARE HANDS. SO FAR, MILLIONS OF MULTI-VERSE ZONES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THIS THING."
BUT WHAT CAN TAILS AND I DO? I MEAN, WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH THE DANGERS TO OUR OWN WORLD, BUT THIS AFFECTS WORLDS UPON WORLDS UPON WORLDS.
YEAH. THIS IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN SONIC'S SPEED OR MY DOUBLE TAILS.
MAYBE. MAYBE NOT.
WHO HAS THE POWER TO DO ALL THIS?
LET ME SHOW YOU AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF. THEN, I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY I'M HERE FOR TAILS PRIME.

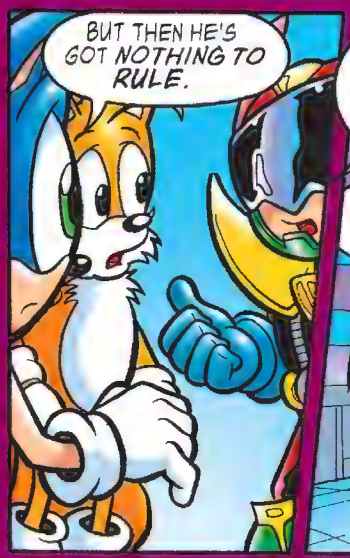


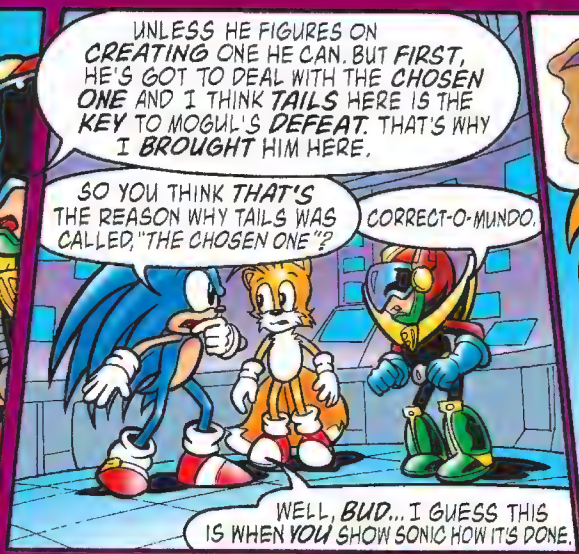




CHECK OUT SONIC SELECT VOL. 2 AND SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 15 FOR THE FULL STORY!

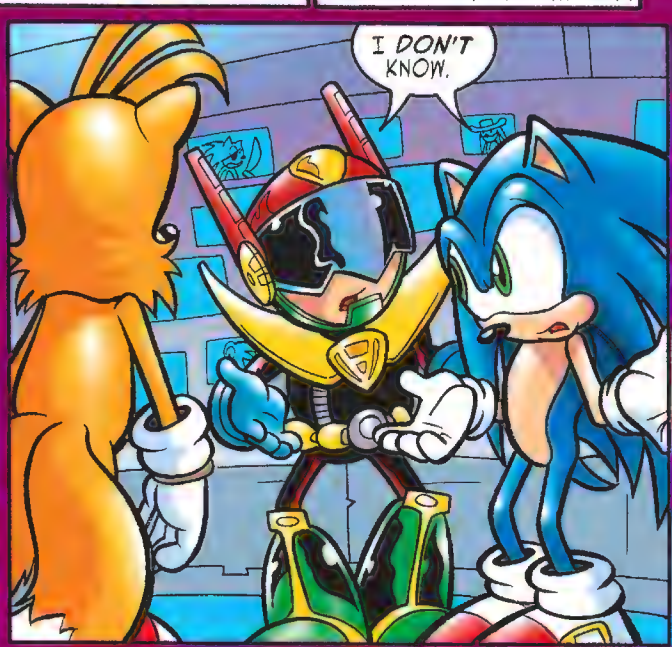
"NO. SEEMS TURBO TAILS WAS HELD LONG ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM SUFFICIENT POWER TO MAKE HIS MOVE AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL CHAOS ENTITY IN YOUR ZONE AT THE TIME."
"KNUCKLES."
"HE WAS, AT THE TIME, A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD. MOGUL HAD THE FORMER ENERJAK HOSTAGE. BEING A RELATIVE OF KNUCKLES, HE WAS THE PERFECT BAIT."
"MOGUL WAS ABLE TO TRICK KNUCKLES INTO UNLEASHING THE TOTALITY OF HIS POWER. IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT POWER WAS ABSORBED BY MOGUL'S EMBEDDED EMERALD."
*SONIC #114 THROUGH #118.
THE EXPLOSION KILLED KNUCKLES.* IF HE HAD STAYED IN THE AFTERLIFE AND BECOME ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, IT WOULD'VE REMAINED IN BALANCE. BUT WHEN KNUCKLES DECIDED TO RETURN TO HELP MOBIUS IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE ZORDA, KNUCKLES WAS POWERLESS.
MOGUL, WHO WAS ALSO ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE, USED THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE. ITS UNBALANCE GAVE MOGUL THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ITS POWER COMPLETELY.
HE'LL USE IT TO DESTROY EVERY ZONE IN EXISTENCE.
*KNUCKLES RETURNED IN THE EPIC SONIC #125!

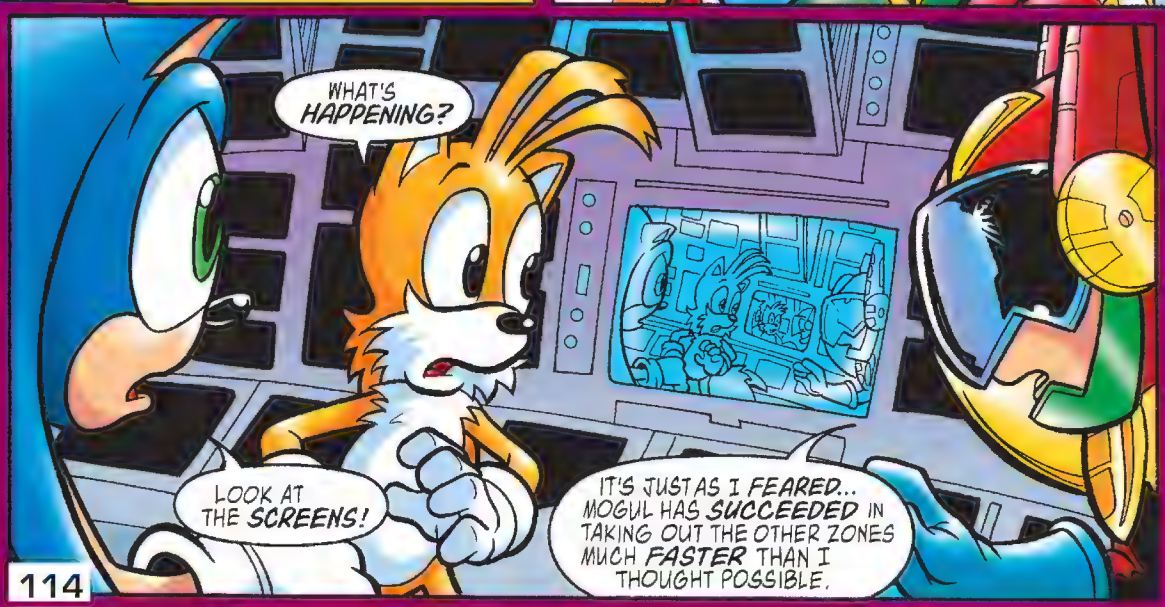

BUT THEN HE'S GOT NOTHING TO RULE.

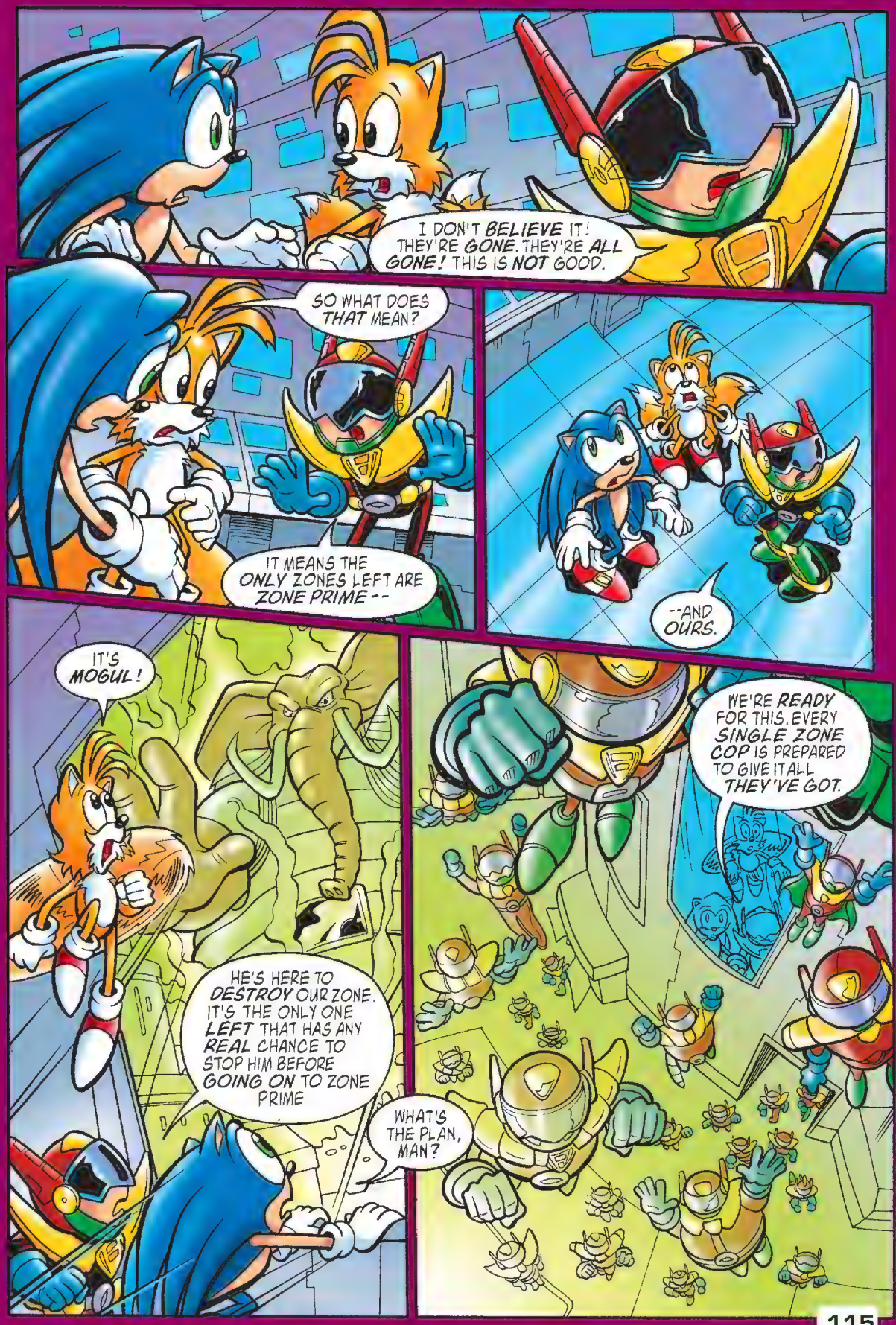

UNLESS HE FIGURES ON CREATING ONE HE CAN. BUT FIRST, HE'S GOT TO DEAL WITH THE CHOSEN ONE AND I THINK TAILS HERE IS THE KEY TO MOGUL'S DEFEAT. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HIM HERE.
SO YOU THINK THAT'S THE REASON WHY TAILS WAS CALLED, "THE CHOSEN ONE"?
CORRECT-O-MUNDO.
WELL, BUD... I GUESS THIS IS WHEN YOU SHOW SONIC HOW IT'S DONE.

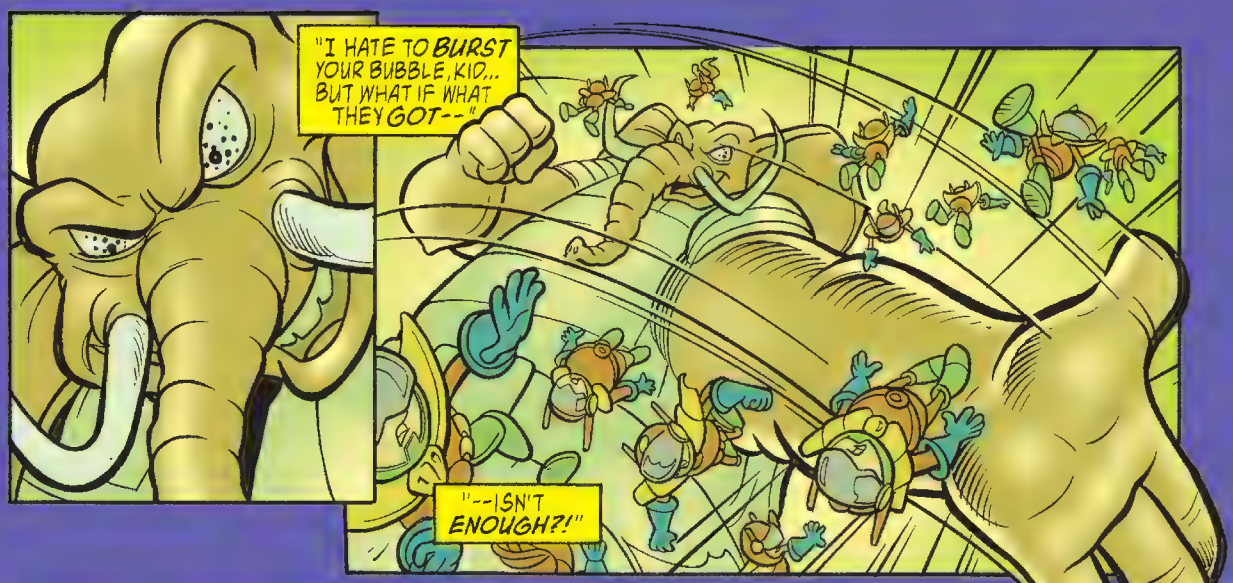
I REMEMBER THAT* ATHAIR AND THE ANCIENT WALKERS CALLED ME THAT ONCE.

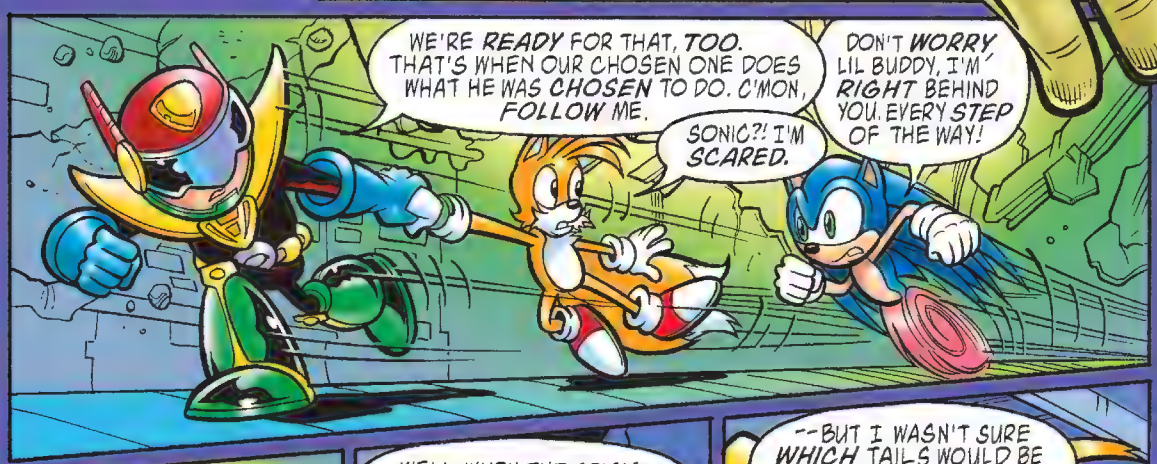
...BUT HOW DO YOU EXPECT PUNY LITTLE ME TO FIGHT MOGUL LIKE THAT? I CAN'T DO IT. I JUST CAN'T!! I MEAN, WHAT MAKES ME THE CHOSEN ONE? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
*AS YOU'VE JUST READ! -EDITOR

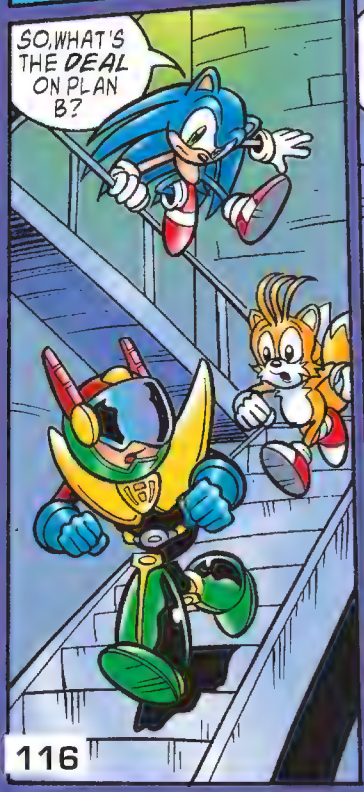

I DON'T KNOW.

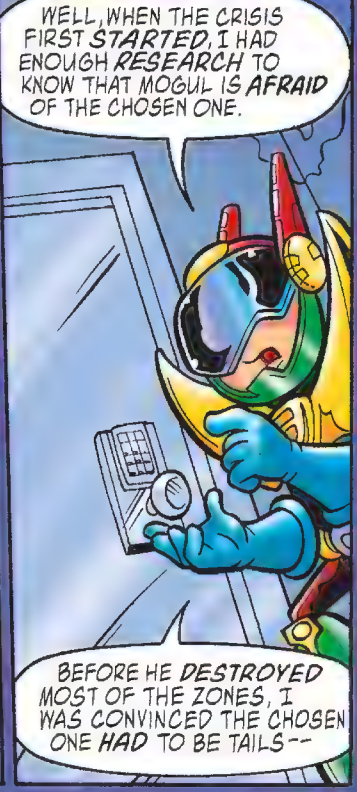

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LOOK AT THE SCREENS!
IT'S JUST AS I FEARED... MOGUL HAS SUCCEEDED IN TAKING OUT THE OTHER ZONES MUCH FASTER THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

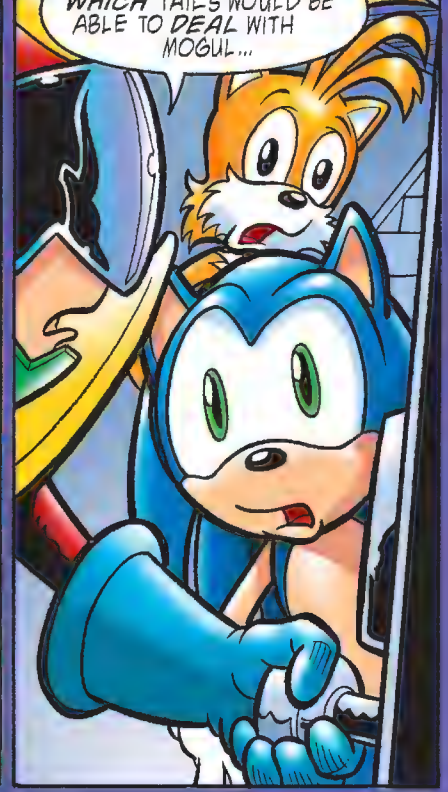

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THEY'RE GONE. THEY'RE ALL GONE! THIS IS NOT GOOD.
SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS THE ONLY ZONES LEFT ARE ZONE PRIME --
--AND OURS.
IT'S MOGUL!
HE'S HERE TO DESTROY OUR ZONE. IT'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT THAT HAS ANY REAL CHANCE TO STOP HIM BEFORE GOING ON TO ZONE PRIME
WHAT'S THE PLAN, MAN?
WE'RE READY FOR THIS. EVERY SINGLE ZONE COP IS PREPARED TO GIVE IT ALL THEY'VE GOT.


"I HATE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, KID... BUT WHAT IF WHAT THEY GOT--"
"--ISN'T ENOUGH?!"


WE'RE READY FOR THAT, TOO. THAT'S WHEN OUR CHOSEN ONE DOES WHAT HE WAS CHOSEN TO DO. C'MON, FOLLOW ME.
SONIC?! I'M SCARED.
DON'T WORRY LIL BUDDY, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!


SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL ON PLAN B?

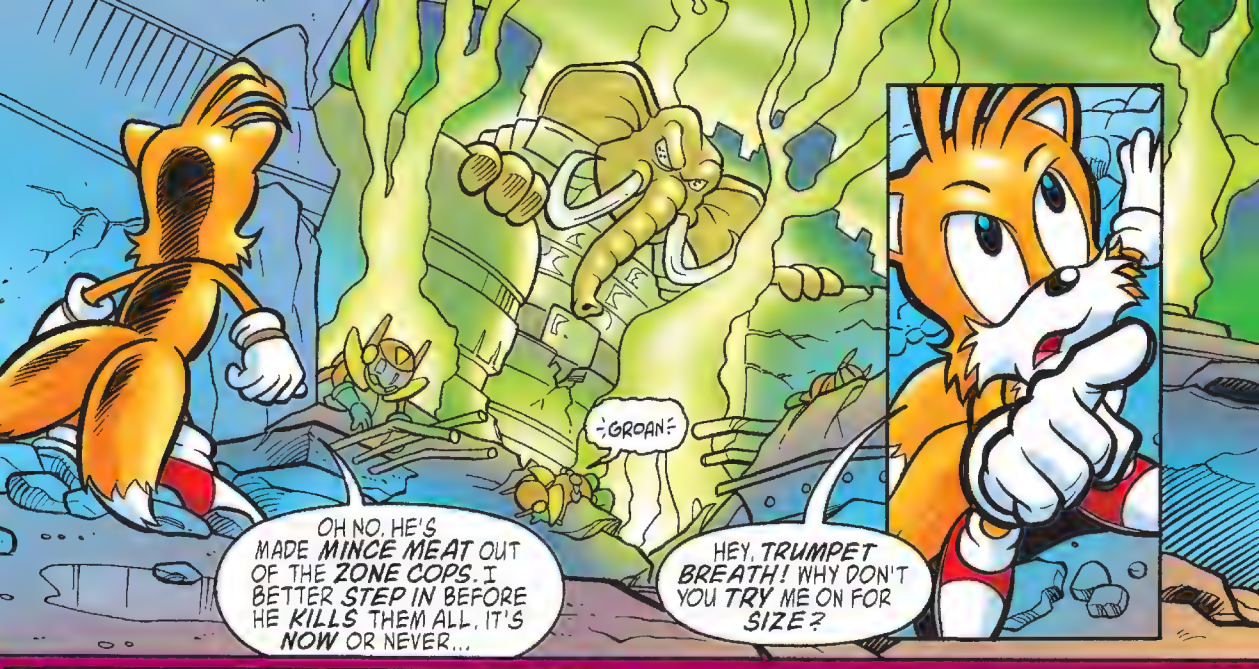

WELL, WHEN THE CRISIS FIRST STARTED, I HAD ENOUGH RESEARCH TO KNOW THAT MOGUL IS AFRAID OF THE CHOSEN ONE.
BEFORE HE DESTROYED MOST OF THE ZONES, I WAS CONVINCED THE CHOSEN ONE HAD TO BE TAILS--

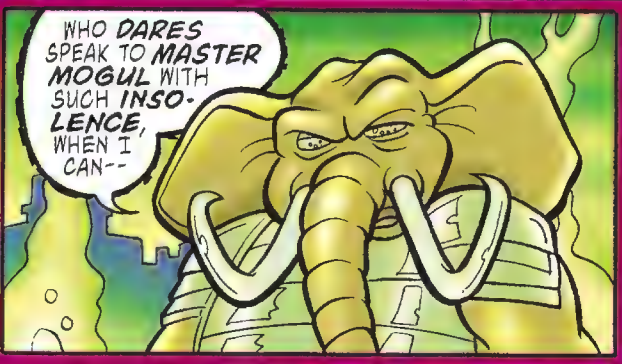

--BUT I WASN'T SURE WHICH TAILS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH MOGUL...

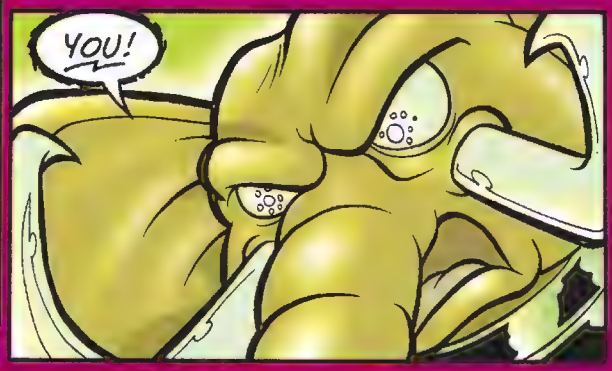
...SO I BROUGHT THEM ALL.
...TO BE CONTINUED!

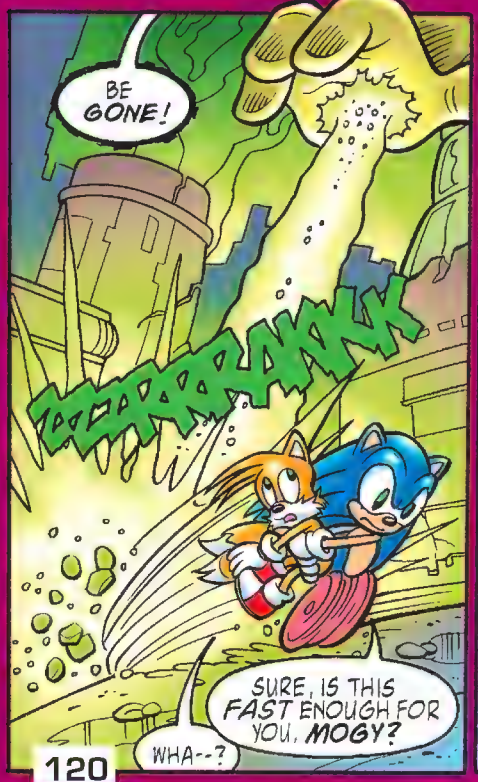
THE CHOSEN ONE PART TWO
ROMY CHACON WRITER ART MAWHINNEY PENCILER ANDREW PEPOY INKER
JEFF POWELL LETTERER JASON JENSEN COLORIST MIKE PELLERITO EDITOR
VICTOR GORELICK MANAGING EDITOR RICHARD GOLDWATER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
...BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHICH TAILS FROM WHICH MULTI-VERSE IT WOULD BE--
--SO HE RECRUITED ALL OF THEM.

SO YOU'RE THE PRIME TAILS. ONCE YOU ARE REMOVED, I WILL BE THE PRIME--
WOK
SEZ WHO? NOT YOU!
SO WHICH ONE OF YOU GOT THE PLAN TO TAKE OUT MOGUL?
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE, ZONICSONIC.
WELL, I--
UH, Y'SEE...
YEAH, LET'S KICK--
WHAT ARE--
SONIC?
HOLD IT, ONE AT A TIME--
SO MANY LITTLE BUDDIES, SO VERY WEIRD...
MOGUL'S MINE--
I DON'T KNOW IF...
WHO...
IN ALL PROBABILITY, I SHOULD LEAD AS MY 300 I.Q. WILL--
WHILE THEY ALL DISCUSS IT IN A COMMITTEE, I'LL DEAL WITH MOGUL MYSELF.
BUT WHERE'S MY LITTLE BUDDY?

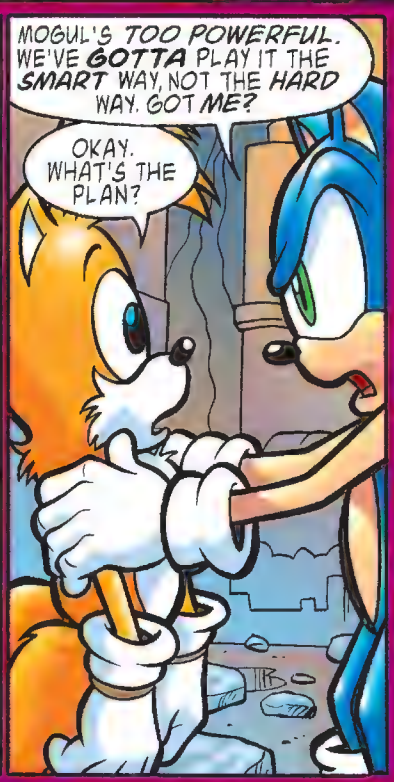

OH NO. HE'S MADE MINCE MEAT OUT OF THE ZONE COPS. I BETTER STEP IN BEFORE HE KILLS THEM ALL. IT'S NOW OR NEVER...
-GROAN-
HEY, TRUMPET BREATH! WHY DON'T YOU TRY ME ON FOR SIZE?

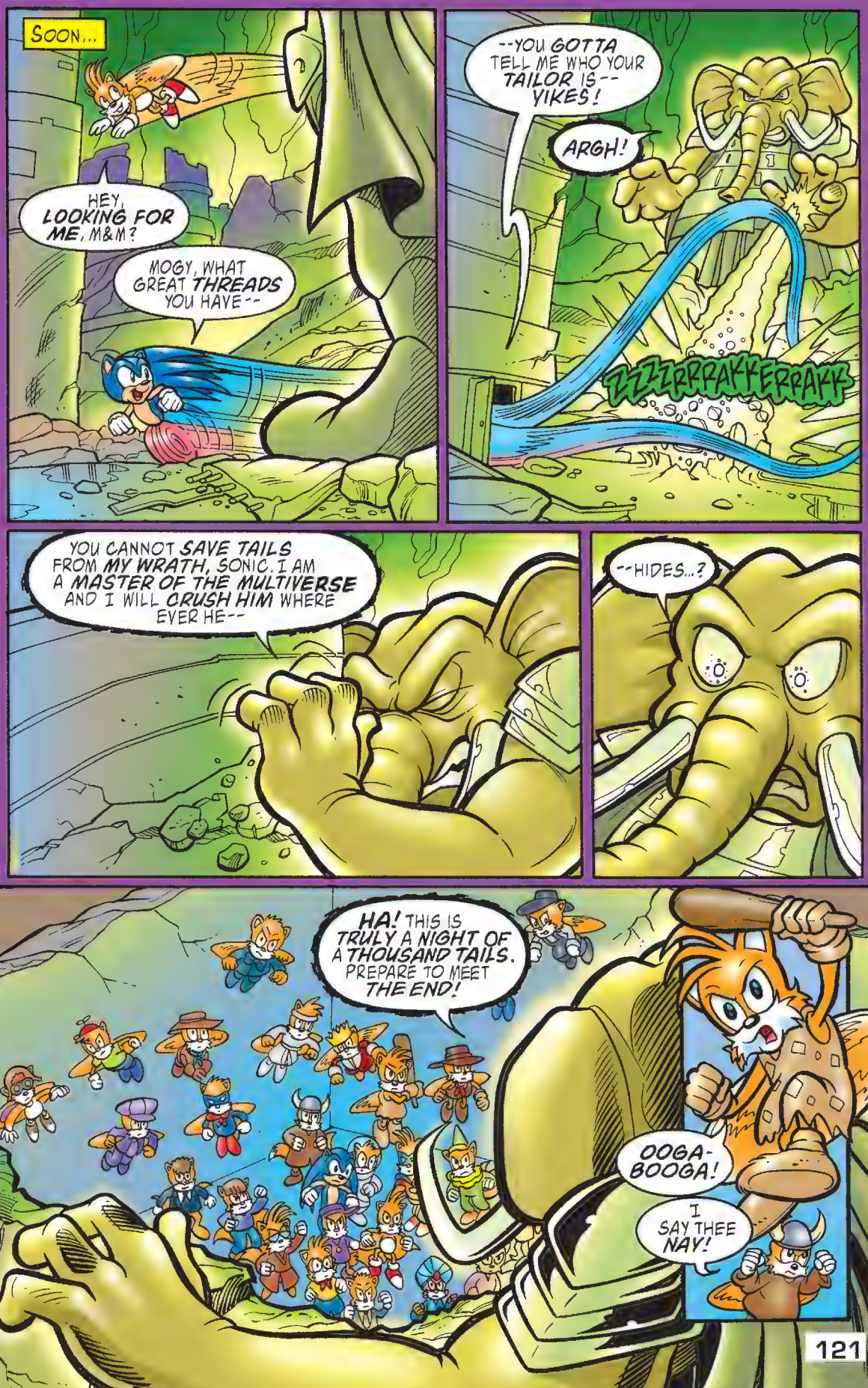

WHO DARES SPEAK TO MASTER MOGUL WITH SUCH INSOLENCE, WHEN I CAN--


YOU!

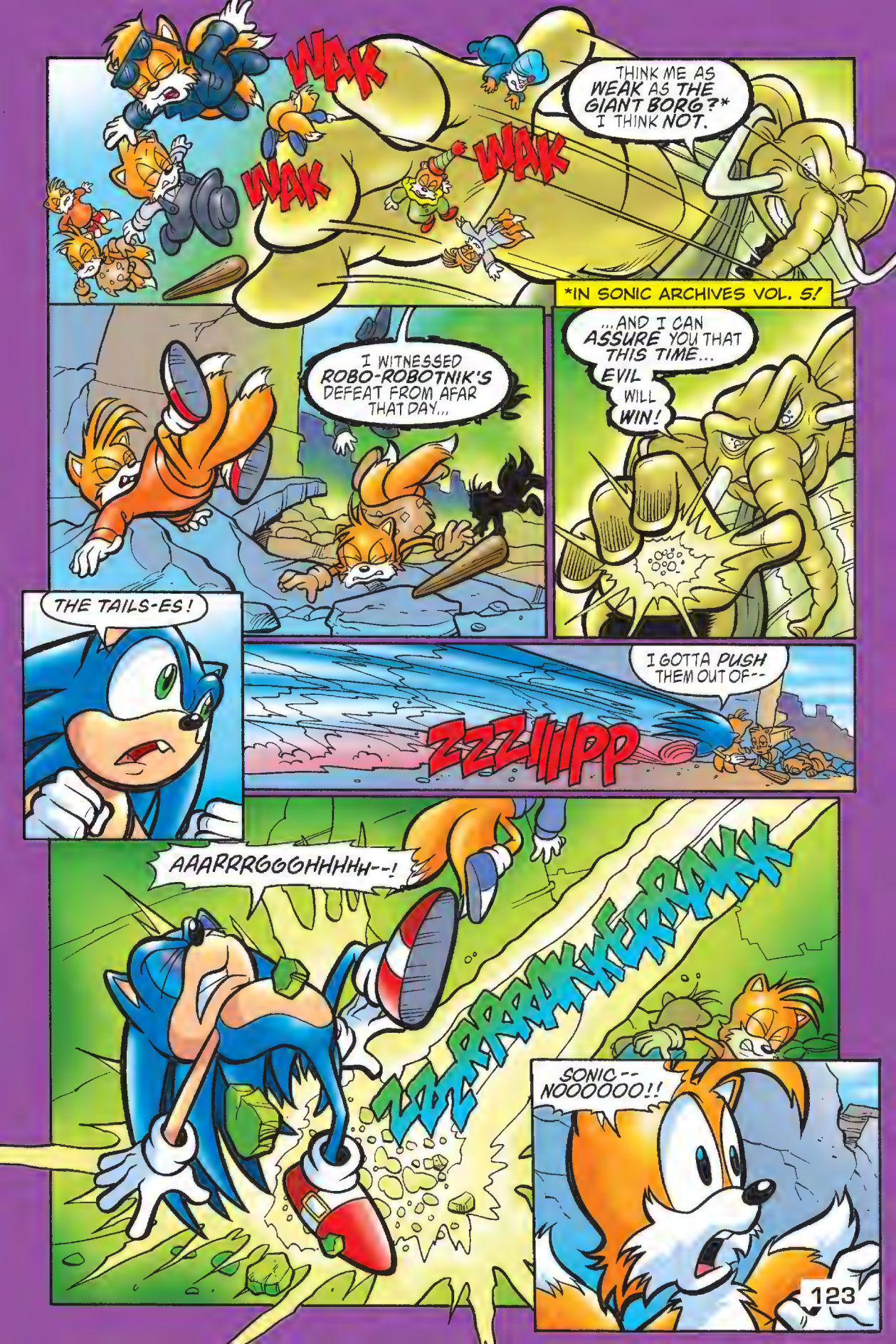

BE GONE!
ZZZZAPPPRAKKKK
SURE, IS THIS FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU, MOGY?
WHA--?

SONIC, I HAD HIM RIGHT WHERE I WANTED HIM. HIS BLAST COULD'VE TURNED ME INTO TURBO TAILS!
AND WHAT IF IT TURNED YOU INTO TOASTED TAILS? WHAT THEN?


MOGUL'S TOO POWERFUL. WE'VE GOTTA PLAY IT THE SMART WAY, NOT THE HARD WAY. GOT ME?
OKAY. WHAT'S THE PLAN?


SOON...
HEY, LOOKING FOR ME, M&M?
MOGY, WHAT GREAT THREADS YOU HAVE--
--YOU GOTTA TELL ME WHO YOUR TAILOR IS-- YIKES!
ARGH!
ZZZZRRAKKERRAKK
YOU CANNOT SAVE TAILS FROM MY WRATH, SONIC. I AM A MASTER OF THE MULTIVERSE AND I WILL CRUSH HIM WHERE EVER HE--
--HIDES...?
HA! THIS IS TRULY A NIGHT OF A THOUSAND TAILS. PREPARE TO MEET THE END!
OOGA-BOOGA!
I SAY THEE NAY!

NOW--
--WHILE HE'S OFF BALANCE--
--LET'S HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE GOT!!


WAK
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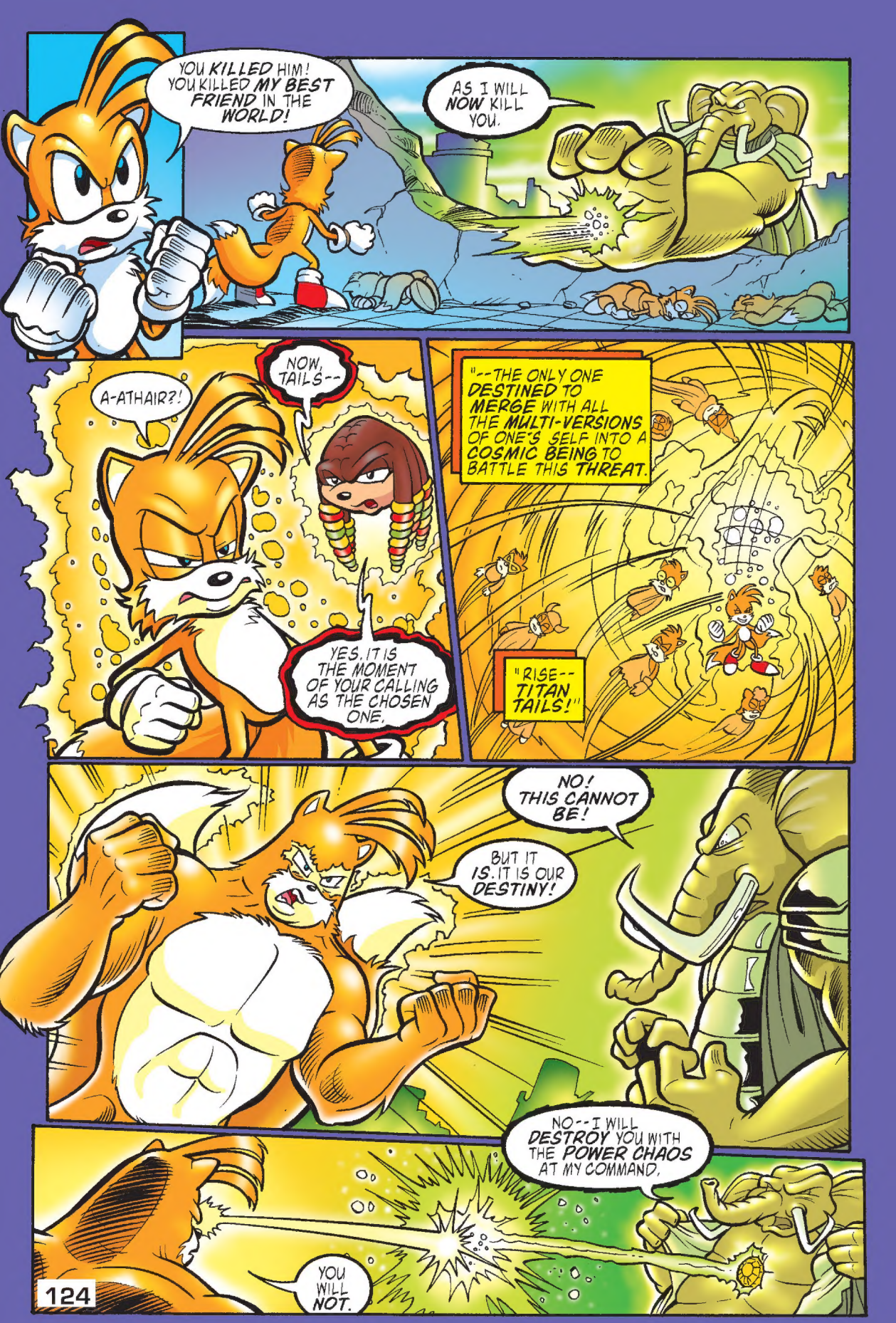
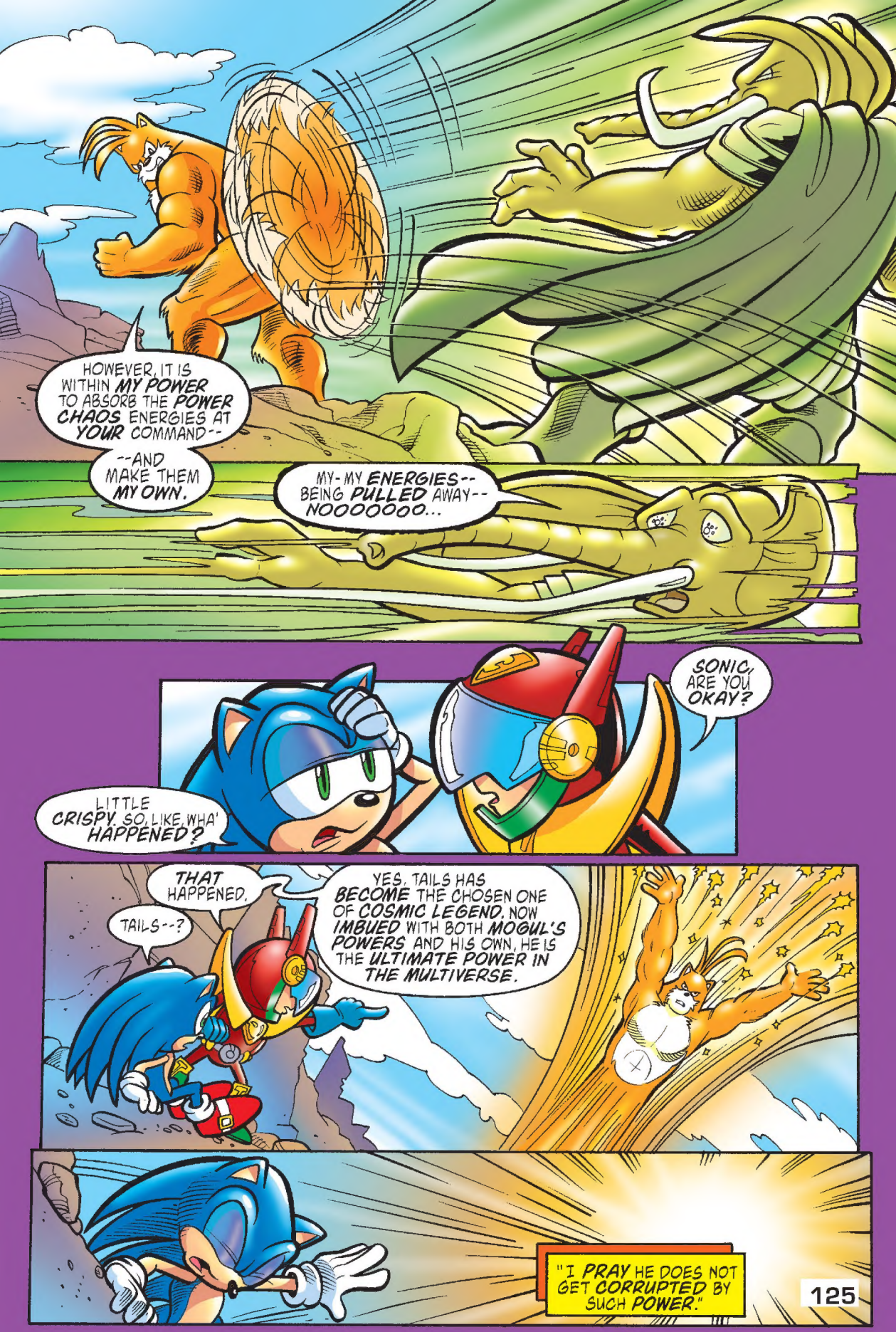
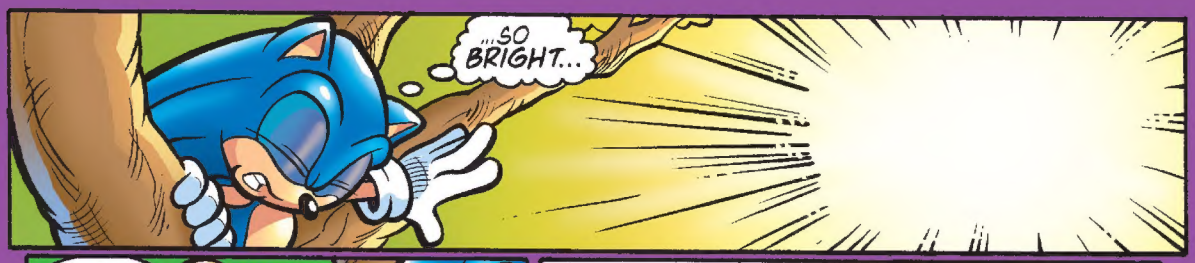
WAK
THINK ME AS WEAK AS THE GIANT BORG?* I THINK NOT.
*IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 5!
I WITNESSED ROBO-ROBOTNIK'S DEFEAT FROM AFAR THAT DAY...
...AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS TIME... EVIL WILL WIN!
THE TAILS-ES!
I GOTTA PUSH THEM OUT OF--
ZZZIIIPP
AAARRRGGGHHHHH--!
ZZZTRRRAKKERRAKK
SONIC-- NOOOOOO!!


YOU KILLED HIM! YOU KILLED MY BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD!
AS I WILL NOW KILL YOU.
A-ATHAIR?!
NOW, TAILS--
YES. IT IS THE MOMENT OF YOUR CALLING AS THE CHOSEN ONE.
"--THE ONLY ONE DESTINED TO MERGE WITH ALL THE MULTI-VERSIONS OF ONE'S SELF INTO A COSMIC BEING TO BATTLE THIS THREAT.
"RISE-- TITAN TAILS!"
NO! THIS CANNOT BE!
BUT IT IS. IT IS OUR DESTINY!
NO--I WILL DESTROY YOU WITH THE POWER CHAOS AT MY COMMAND.
YOU WILL NOT.


HOWEVER, IT IS WITHIN MY POWER TO ABSORB THE POWER CHAOS ENERGIES AT YOUR COMMAND--
--AND MAKE THEM MY OWN.
MY-MY ENERGIES-- BEING PULLED AWAY-- NOOOOOOO...
SONIC, ARE YOU OKAY?
LITTLE CRISPY. SO, LIKE, WHA' HAPPENED?
THAT HAPPENED.
TAILS--?
YES, TAILS HAS BECOME THE CHOSEN ONE OF COSMIC LEGEND. NOW IMBUED WITH BOTH MOGUL'S POWERS AND HIS OWN, HE IS THE ULTIMATE POWER IN THE MULTIVERSE.
"I PRAY HE DOES NOT GET CORRUPTED BY SUCH POWER."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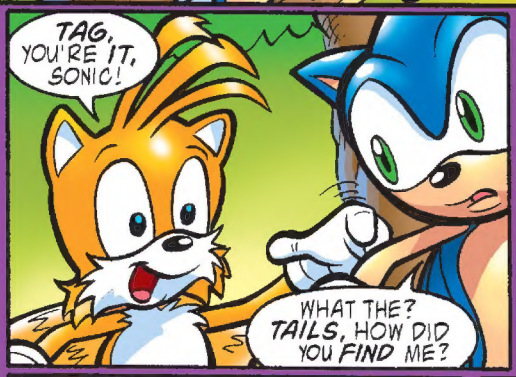
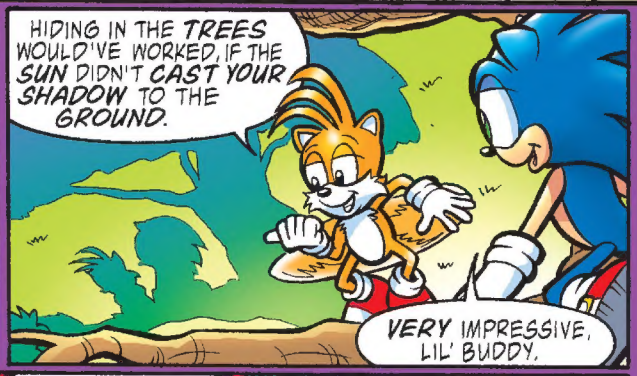
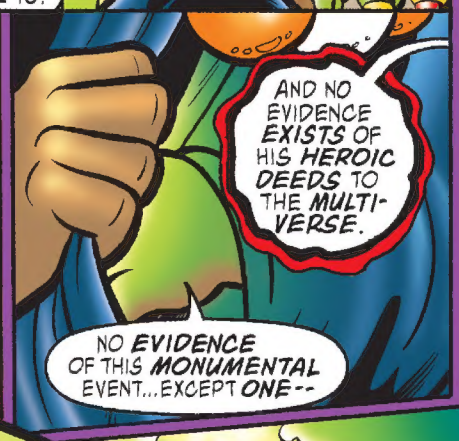
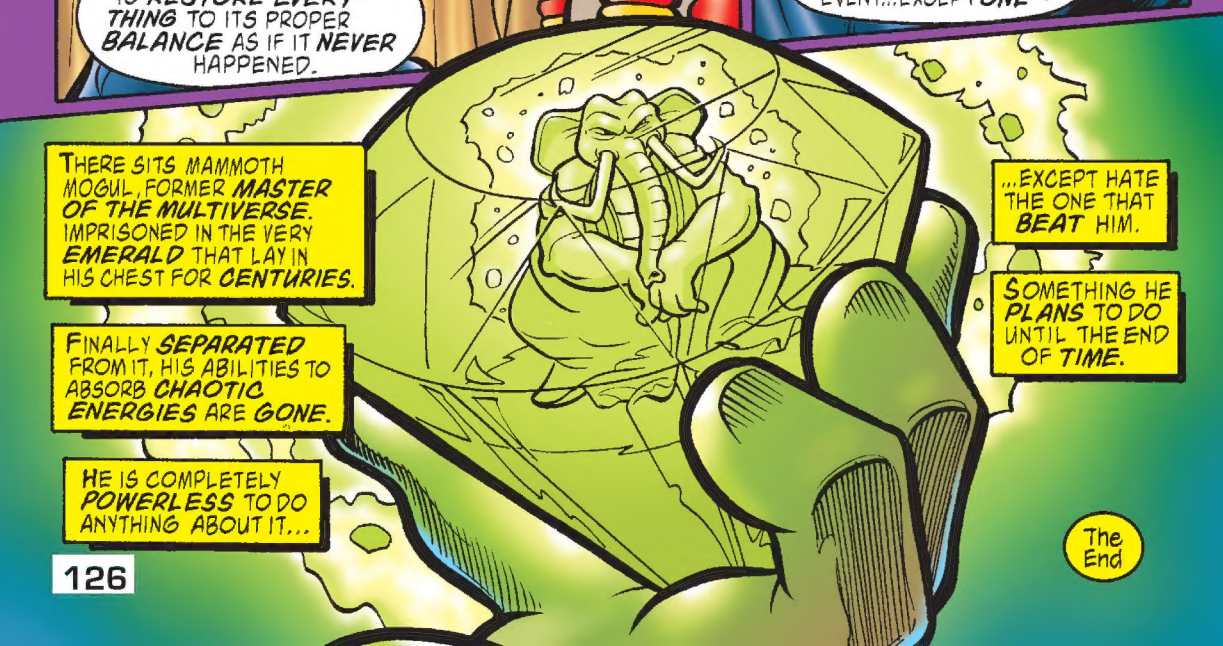

TAG, YOU'RE IT, SONIC!
WHAT THE? TAILS, HOW DID YOU FIND ME?


HIDING IN THE TREES WOULD'VE WORKED, IF THE SUN DIDN'T CAST YOUR SHADOW TO THE GROUND.
VERY IMPRESSIVE, LIL' BUDDY.

HOW'S ABOUT CHILI DOGS? MY TREAT.
YEAH!
MERLIN PROWER, YOUR NEPHEW IS QUITE AMAZING.
YES, HE IS.

IMAGINE, WITH ALL THE POWER TO SHAKE THE COSMOS--
INSTEAD HE USES IT TO RESTORE EVERYTHING TO ITS PROPER BALANCE AS IF IT NEVER HAPPENED.


AND NO EVIDENCE EXISTS OF HIS HEROIC DEEDS TO THE MULTIVERSE.
NO EVIDENCE OF THIS MONUMENTAL EVENT...EXCEPT ONE--


THERE SITS MAMMOTH MOGUL, FORMER MASTER OF THE MULTIVERSE. IMPRISONED IN THE VERY EMERALD THAT LAY IN HIS CHEST FOR CENTURIES.
FINALLY SEPARATED FROM IT, HIS ABILITIES TO ABSORB CHAOTIC ENERGIES ARE GONE.
HE IS COMPLETELY POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
...EXCEPT HATE THE ONE THAT BEAT HIM.
SOMETHING HE PLANS TO DO UNTIL THE END OF TIME.
The End

CHARACTER PROFILE:

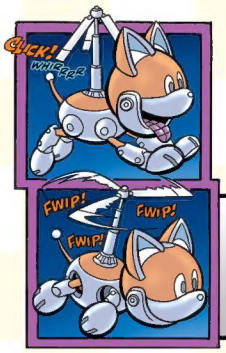
TAILS

MILES "TAILS" PROWER

PROFILE STATS

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #0
Abilities:
Flight - By spinning his twin tails, Tails can fly or otherwise propel himself fast enough to keep pace with Sonic.
Genius - Tails is remarkably brilliant with machinery and has a strong intuition about magic.

Miles earned the nickname "Tails" from his mutation: a pair of tails. While these appendages could propel him nearly as fast as Sonic. Tails eventually earned his position among the Freedom Fighters as both a warrior, like Sonic, but also as an inventor, like Rotor. Tails has many creations to his name, namely the Tornado and later revisions of the Sea Fox, and has filled Rotor's role since the latter's retirement from the team.Tails has grown from Sonic's starry-eyed side-kick to his trusted companion. Full of heroic spirit and an ever-growing confidence, Tails is just beginning to follow his own adventurous path!



TAILS' ROBOT, T-PUP TAKES FLIGHT